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ON THE COVER:

The Belchertown Gazebo on the Common. Photograph submitted by Gary L. Brougham.

Name	Office	Term Expires

2022 ELECTED OFFICERS

Almoners - Whiting Street and Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds

Paul Anziano	5/2023
Linda Tsoumas	5/2023

Trustees – Calvin Bridgman Fund

Nicole J. Dunham	5/2023
Kenneth H. Snow	5/2024
Mary Olberding	5/2025

Board of Assessors

Thomas A. Barry *(resigned 10/03/22)*	5/2023
Donald L. Minney	5/2024
Raymond G. Goff	5/2025

Board of Health

Kenneth Elstein	5/2023
Hope V.H. Guardenier	5/2023
Colleen Duroshea	5/2024
Leeanne Connolly	5/2025
James F. Potter	5/2025

Housing Authority

Marie Ciosek	5/2024
Brian J. Rooney	5/2024
Nancy Delgado Bachmann	5/2025
Marc Barrette *(resigned 10/03/22)*	5/2027
Edward Harnois *Tenant Board Member (appt. 11/28/2022)*	5/2027
State Seat - Vacant	

Moderator

Amanda Halperin	5/2023

Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee Members

Francesco Dell'Olio	11/2024
Lorraine F. Alves	11/2026

Planning Board

James J. Natle	5/2023
Justin Rosienski	5/2024
Michael A. Hofler	5/2025
Daniel R. Beaudette	5/2026
Elizabeth Pols	5/2027

School Committee

Diane O. Brown	5/2022
Heidi G. Gutekenst	5/2023
Michael J. Knapp	5/2023
Ruby Bansal	5/2024
Amy B.W. Lamothe	5/2024
Natalie G. Santana	5/2025

Select Board

James Barry	5/2023
Ronald Aponte	5/2024
Margaret Louraine	5/2024
Nicholas Pucel *(resigned 5/3/2022)*	5/2024
Edward Boscher	5/2025
Jennifer Turner	5/2025

Town Clerk

Theresa Camerlin	5/2024

2022 APPOINTED OFFICERS

Affordable Housing Tax Abatement Review Committee

Doug Albertson, Town Planner	Final Report
Gary Brougham, Town Admin.	Final Report
Jennifer Turner, Select Board	Final Report
Lisa Banner, Treasurer/Collector	Final Report
John Whelihan, Director of Assessments	Final Report

Agricultural Commission

Jeff Pronovost	6/30/22
Lori Carver	6/30/23
Tammy Ryan *Assoc. Member (appt. full member 3/21/22)*	6/30/23
Elizabeth Vaughan *Assoc. Member (resig. 2/28/22) (appt. full member 3/21/22)*	6/30/24
Eric Bernardin *Assoc. Member (appt. 3/21/22) (appt. full member 9/26/22)*	6/30/25
Louise Butler *Assoc. Member (appt. full member 6/8/22)*	6/30/25
Ben Feldman *Assoc. Member (appt. 2/14/22)*	6/30/23
Tom McRae *Assoc. Member (appt. 3/21/22)*	6/30/23
Pamela Monn *Assoc. Member (appt.9/26/22)*	6/30/23
Tom Roberts *Assoc. Member*	6/30/23
Will Shattuck *Assoc. Member (appt. 2/14/22)*	6/30/23
Thomas Hastings *(resigned 2/28/22)*	6/30/24

Name	Office	Term Expires

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Committee

Paul Adzima, Coordinator		Final Report
Max Bock		Final Report
Gary Brougham		Final Report
Eric LeBeau		Final Report
Steven Williams		Final Report

Animal Control Advisory Board

Brian Breveleri		6/30/23
Carol Kasabian		6/30/23
Audrey Safford		6/30/23
Chrystal Greenleaf		6/30/24
Paul Kopulas		6/30/24
Lori Carver		6/30/25
Jim Luippold		6/30/25

Animal Control Officer

Anna Kuralt-Fenton		4/30/23

Assistant Animal Control Officers

Sarah Byrnes		4/30/23
Jessica LaBonte		4/30/23
Janet Lipscomb		4/30/23

Director of Assessments

John G. Whelihan		6/30/23

Belchertown Age & Dementia Friendly Implementation Group

Doug Albertson, Town Planner		6/30/24
Ronald Aponte, Select Board		6/30/24
John Belding, Council on Aging		6/30/24
Gary Brougham, Town Admin		6/30/24
Gail Gramarossa, Community Mbr *(resigned 8/29/22)*		6/30/24
Jessica Langlois, Senior Center		6/30/24
Becky Martin, Community Mbr		6/30/24
Steve Williams, DPW Director		6/30/24

Community Emergency Response Coordinator

John Ingram		6/30/23

Belchertown Overcoming Addiction Together (BOAT)

Kimberly Dion *Medical Community*		6/30/22
Amy Langone *Health Dept.*		6/30/22
Jill Panto *Community Member*		6/30/22
Ronald Aponte *Select Board Rep*		6/30/23
Jen Besancon *Community Member*		6/30/23
Cara Caron *BPS Rep (resigned 11/28/22)*		6/30/23
Andrea Crete *Director of Public Health*		6/30/23
Phyllis Ducomb *School Nurse Leader*		6/30/23
Kristen Hoag *Community Member*		6/30/23
Jason Krol *School Resource Officer*		6/30/23
Neil Lozier *Police Dept.*		6/30/23
Kevin Pacunas *Police Dept.*		6/30/23
Nick Southwick-Hall *Member*		6/30/23

Belchertown Scholarship Fund Committee

Donna Lusignan, *At Large Member (resigned 6/30/2022)*		6/30/22
Lorraine Alves *Pathfinder Rep*		6/30/23
Ruby Bansal *School Committee Rep*		6/30/23
Diane Brown *Community Member*		6/30/23
Brian Cameron *Superintendent of Schools*		6/30/23
Wesley Dunham *At Large Member*		6/30/23
Sarah Edwards *School Council Rep*		6/30/23
Mark Kopulos *Home Schooling Rep*		6/30/23

Belchertown State School Building and Grounds Committee

Kristin Davis		6/30/24
Heidi Dollard		6/30/24
Lesa Lessard Pearson		6/30/24
Jennifer Turner		6/30/24
Katherine Benson *Associate member*		6/30/24

Board of Health - Burial Agent & Assistant

Audrey Williams, Asst.		3/17/22
Theresa Camerlin		6/30/23
Robert Sterling, Asst *(appt. 5/20/22)*		6/30/23

Cable Services Committee

Marc Barrette *(resigned 5/4/22)*		6/30/22
Nick Pucel *(resigned 5/3/22)*		6/30/22
Scott Burch		6/30/23
Aaron Kay		6/30/23
Lew Louraine		6/30/23
Darren Wilkes		Final Rpt
Jeff Mastroianni		Final Rpt

Civil Defense Director

John Ingram		6/30/23

Communications Committee

Marc Barrette *(resigned 5/4/22)*		6/30/22
Nick Pucel *(resigned 5/3/22)*		6/30/22
Aileen Gildea-Pyne		6/30/23
Theresa Halperin		6/30/23
Lew Louraine		6/30/23
Chris Martin		6/30/23

Name	Office	Term Expires

Community Preservation Committee

Michael Hofler	*Planning Board Rep.*	6/30/23
James Natle	*At Large Member*	6/30/23
David Lamb	*Conservation Comm. Rep.*	6/30/24
Linda Leduc	*At large Member*	6/30/24
Alexander Loss	*Historical. Comm. Rep.*	6/30/24
Megan Manitsas	*At Large Member*	6/30/25
James Quirk	*At Large Member*	6/30/25
Nancy Delgado Bachman	*Housing Authority Rep*	5/2025

Conservation Commission

Douglas Beach		6/30/23
Kate Kelly		6/30/23
Sabrina Moreau	*(resigned 10/17/22)*	6/30/23
Jon Clements	*(resigned 7/26/22)*	6/30/24
Stephen Garabedian		6/30/24
David Haines		6/30/24
David Lamb		6/30/24
Matthew Dibona		6/30/25
Edward Knight		6/30/25
Nate Marean	*Associate. Member*	6/30/23

Council on Aging

Karin Camihort		6/30/23
Robert Farrington		6/30/23
Maura Guzik	*(resigned 9/12/22)*	6/30/23
Colleen Duroshea		6/30/24
Libby Overly		6/30/24
Diane Plante		6/30/24
John Belding		6/30/25
James Dowling		6/30/25

Cultural Council

Nicole Carlson		6/30/22
Audrey Anderson		6/30/23
Heidi Brunell		6/30/23
Candace Clement		6/30/23
Trista Hevey		6/30/23
Melissa Mann	*(resigned 7/25/22)*	6/30/23
Kyle Toelken		6/30/23
Molly Robinson		6/30/24
Krish Sharman		6/30/24
Jennifer Whitehead		6/30/24
Melanie Donovan		6/30/25

DIF Committee

Douglas Albertson	*Town Planner*
Lisa Banner	*Treasurer/Collector*
Gary Brougham	*Town Administrator*
John Whelihan	*Director of Assessments*

Name	Office	Term Expires

Economic Development & Industrial Corporation (EDIC)

Richard Kump	*Real Estate Seat*	6/30/23
Robert Rivard	*Industrial Seat*	6/30/24
Kirk Stephens	*At Large Member*	6/30/24
Beth Maroney	*Financial Seat*	6/30/25
Jonathan Spiegel	*At Large Member*	6/30/25
William Terry	*Government Seat*	6/30/25

Election Workers

Teresa Adam	*Precinct Warden*	8/31/23
Christine Babineau	*Precinct Clerk*	8/31/23
Donna Butler	*Precinct Clerk*	8/31/23
Melissa Conlin	*Precinct Clerk*	8/31/23
Bernette Daly	*Precinct Warden*	8/31/23
Michael Martin	*Precinct Clerk*	8/31/23
Erica Morrison-Brazitis	*Precinct Warden*	8/31/23
Clair Partridge	*Precinct Coordinator*	8/31/23
Carol Walker	*Precinct Warden*	8/31/23

Energy and Sustainability Committee

Todd Perry	6/30/23
Michael Potishnak	6/30/23
Frank Byrne	6/30/24
Patricia Krebs	6/30/24
John Piekara	6/30/24
Joanne Collins	6/30/25
Jacob Robinson	6/30/25

Fair Committee

Loni Austin	6/30/23
William Austin	6/30/23
Cindy Brown	6/30/23
Scott Brown	6/30/23
Carla Chaisson	6/30/23
Wendy Chevalier	6/30/23
Kerri Laurenzo	6/30/23
Shawn Lindholm	6/30/23
Mark Nute	6/30/23

Family Center

Roger Allen, Jr.	6/30/22
Nicole Dunham	6/30/22
Natalie Santana	6/30/23
Natasha Martin	6/30/24
Jillian Fay Southwick-Hall	6/30/24
Courtney Pucel	6/30/25

Finance Committee

Lynne Raymer	6/30/22
Steven Rose	6/30/22
Michael Otto	6/30/23

Name	Office	Term Expires
Jonathan Ritter		6/30/24
Laurie Shea		6/30/24
Cindy Kroll		6/30/25
Angela McCall		6/30/25

Fire Chief

John Ingram

Forest Fire Warden

John Ingram

Green Grid Task Force

(Created 7/11/22)(final report submitted to DPU 11/28/22, Committee disband)

Chris Bambacus *At Large Member*	Final Rpt
Frank Byrne *Energy & Sust Member*	Final Rpt
John Piekara *Energy & Sust Member*	Final Rpt
Janet Powers *At Large Member*	Final Rpt
Steve Williams *Town Rep Member*	Final Rpt

Hampshire County Local Emergency Planning Committee

John Ingram

Historic District By-Law Commission

Susan Mahler *Associate Member*	6/30/23
Sharon Burdick *At Large Member*	6/30/23
Irene Mariettos *Real Estate Member (resigned 3/21/22)*	6/30/23
Craig Schumacher *Architect Member*	6/30/24
Denise Smith *Historical Assoc Member*	6/30/24
Jonathan Spiegel *At Large Member*	6/30/24
Kristy Reese *At Large Member*	6/30/25
Thomas Stockton *Resident/Property Owner*	6/30/25

Historical Commission

Bruce Klockars *(resigned 7/25/22)*	6/30/23
Alexander Loss	6/30/23
John Belding	6/30/24
Jill Bierly	6/30/24
Angela Bergeron-Alexander	6/30/25
Patrick Bierly	6/30/25

Inspector of Animals

Thomas Flebotte	4/30/23

Inspector of Buildings

Michael Henry *Assistant Inspector*	6/30/22
Paul Adzima *Inspector*	6/30/23
Justin Larivee *Assistant Inspector*	6/30/23
Chris Rice *Assistant Inspector*	6/30/23

Name	Office	Term Expires

Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Fittings

David Fredenburgh, Jr. *Inspector*	6/30/23
Charles Lydon, Jr. *Assistant Inspector*	6/30/23

Inspectors of Wiring

Richard Rosazza	6/30/23
David Sedelow	6/30/23
Mitchell Staszko	6/30/23

Jabish Brook Middle School Building Committee

Jeff Almeida *Architect, Engineer & Construction Member*	Final Rpt
Mark Andrews *Architect Member*	Final Rpt
Ruby Bansal *School Cmte Member*	Final Rpt
Gary Brougham *Town Administrator*	Final Rpt
Dave Burnham *Cons. Eng. Member*	Final Rpt
Brian Cameron *School Superintendent*	Final Rpt
Shawn Fortin *School Dept. Rep.*	Final Rpt
Joseph Gagnon *Community Member*	Final Rpt
Stephen Gibson *Engineer*	Final Rpt
Heidi Gutekenst *School Cmte Mbr*	Final Rpt
Nicole Heoux *Teacher*	Final Rpt
Edward Kopec, Jr. *Parent*	Final Rpt
Eric Lebeau *School Dept. Bldg & Grounds*	Final Rpt
Robert Lewis *Community Member*	Final Rpt
Lynne Raymer – Replaced by Laurie Shea 7/1/22 *Finance Cmte*	Final Rpt
John Ritter *Finance Cmte Member*	Final Rpt
Thomas Ruscio *JBMS Principal*	Final Rpt
Jennifer Turner *Select Board*	Final Rpt
Joshua Wallace *Parent*	Final Rpt

Lakes Committee

Bonnie Strickland	6/30/22
Leeanne Connolly	6/30/23
Jenicca Gallagher *(resigned 2/7/22)*	6/30/23
Diane Plante	6/30/23
Kathi Smith	6/30/24
Maureen Desabrais	6/30/25
John Soja	6/30/25

Lamson Brook Farm Board of Directors

David Haines *Conservation Comm. Rep.*	2/1/23
Tammy Ryan *Agricultural Comm. Rep.*	2/1/23
Jonathan Spiegel *EDIC Rep.*	2/1/23

McPherson Garden Committee

(Created 5/2/22)

Louise Butler	6/30/23

Name	Office	Term Expires
John Berryhill		6/30/24
Eileen Klockars		6/30/24
Sharon Marean		6/30/24
Patricia Barry		6/30/25

Memorial Committee

Charly Oliva		6/30/23
William Bowen		6/30/24
Edward Knight		6/30/24
George Archible		6/30/25
Patrick Loftus		6/30/25

Mobile Home Rent Control Board

Overseer of Willard Stebbins Account

Suzanne Bay
Edward Boscher

Parks, Beach & Recreation Committee

Donald Longley		6/30/23
Nancy Kwiatkowski		6/30/24
William Vosburgh		6/30/24
Bill Longridge		6/30/25
Tilo Schiffer		6/30/25
Krish Sharman	*Associate Member*	6/30/23

Patrick Center Re-Use Committee

Lori Allen	*Family CenterRep*	Final Rpt
Jill Bierly	*Historical Commission Rep*	Final Rpt
Edward Boscher	*Select Board Member*	Final Rpt
Gary Brougham	*Town Administrator*	Final Rpt
Michael Knapp	*School Comm. Member*	Final Rpt
Jessica Langlois	*Council on Aging Rep*	Final Rpt
Kyle Thibeault	*Recreation Director*	Final Rpt
Steven Williams	*DPW Director*	Final Rpt

Personnel Board

Jessie Aquino		6/30/24
Nicole Dunham		6/30/24
Katharine Higgins Shea		6/30/24
Sarah Porter		6/30/24
Colleen Toothill-Berte		6/30/25

Town Planner

Douglas Albertson

Planning Board – Alternate Voting Member for Special Permits

Wendy Goulet		6/30/23

Police Chief

Name	Office	Term Expires
Christopher Pronovost	*(retired 6/29/22)*	
Kevin Pacunas	*(appointed Chief 8/29/22)*	

Police Department Lieutenants

Michael Beaupre		5/18/22
Bruce Jenks	*(appointed 10/7/22)*	6/30/23
Kevin Pacunas	*(appointed Chief 8/29/22)*	6/30/23

Police Department – Sergeants (Full-time)

Dennis Fitzgerald		6/30/23
Jared LaValle		6/30/23
Neil Lozier		6/30/23
Robert Mann	*(appt. 10/6/22)*	6/30/23
Christopher Mayo	*(appt. 10/7/22)*	6/30/23
Neil Lozier		6/30/23

Police Department – Patrol Officers (Full-time)

Caleb Gonsalves	*(resigned 3/7/22)*	6/30/22
Robert Ivey	*(resigned 5/2/22)*	6/30/22
Hannah Hulse		6/30/22
Valerie Austin		6/30/23
Adam Brougham		6/30/23
Draine Colon-Rivera		6/30/23
Jason Krol		6/30/23
Vincent Daponte		6/30/23
Andrew Hulse		6/30/23
Michael Jablonski		6/30/23
Jason Krol		6/30/23
Michael Letendre		6/30/23
Robert Mann	*(appt. Sergeant 10/6/22)*	6/30/23
Austin Marrone		6/30/23
Christopher Mayo	*(appt. Sergeant 10/6/22)*	6/30/23
Matthew Menard		6/30/23
Jordyn Noonan	*(resigned 3/31/22)*	6/30/22
Jason Robinson		6/30/23
Michael Roney		6/30/23
Hanna Sweet - Part-Time	*(Full-time 9/9/22)*	6/30/23
Daniel Welch	*(appt. 9/30/22)*	6/30/23

Procurement Officer

Gary L. Brougham
Jill Panto, Asst. Procurement Officer

Public Works Director

Steven J. Williams

PVPC Joint Transportation Committee

Douglas Albertson	*Alternate member*	6/30/23
Gary Brougham	*Alternate member*	6/30/23

Name	Office	Term Expires
Steven Williams	*Representative*	6/30/23

PVPC (Pioneer Valley Planning Commission) Representatives

Douglas Albertson		6/30/23

PVTA Advisory Board

Brian O'Leary		6/30/23

Quaboag Valley Business Assistance Corp.

Quabbin Valley Health District

Stephen Bell	– Dir. of Public Health	6/30/22
Andrea Crete	–Dir. of Public Health	6/30/23

Physician Advisor to Board of Health

Scott Siege, MD		6/30/23

Registrars

Theresa Camerlin		5/2024
Carla Dell'Olio	*(resigned 2/7/22)*	3/31/23
Lynn Sikes	*(appointed 6/1/22)*	3/31/23
Nancy Wright		3/31/24
MaryCatherine Knight, Chair		3/31/25

Assistant Registrar of Voters

Belchertown High School Rep

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Paul Adzima		6/30/23

Sexual Harassment Grievance Officer

Gary Brougham
Lisa Banner, Alternate

Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

Steven Williams		6/30/23

Tax Title Property Committee

Douglas Albertson	*Town Planner*	Final Rpt
Gary Brougham	*Town Admin.*	Final Rpt
Erica Larner	*Conservation Admin.* (resigned 12/28/22)	Final Rpt
John Whelihan	*Dir. of Assessments*	Final Rpt
Steve Williams	*Dir. of DPW*	Final Rpt

Technology Advisory Committee

(Disband 6/27/22)

Frank Lomanno		6/30/23
Lew Louraine		6/30/23

Trail Stewardship Council

Name	Office	Term Expires
Douglas Albertson	*Town Alternate*	6/30/23
Jane Bryden	*Landowner Rep.*	6/30/23
Erica Larner	*Town's Rep.(resigned 12/28/22)*	6/30/23

Treasurer/Collector

Lisa Banner		6/30/25

Assistant Treasurer/Collector

Jane Wolfe		6/30/23

Deputy Collector

Arthur Jones		12/31/23

Town Accountant

Jill Besancon		6/30/25

Assistant Town Accountant

Kimberly O'Grady		6/30/23

Town Administrator

Gary L. Brougham

Assistant Town Clerk

Audrey Williams		3/17/22
Robert Sterling	*(appointed 5/20/22)*	6/30/23

Town Counsel

KP LAW

Trench Permitting Authority

Paul Adzima
Steve Williams, Alternate

Veterans' Graves Officer

Vincent Viglione		3/31/27
Kathleen Wood, Assistant		3/31/27

Veterans' Services Agent

Charly Oliva		Period of Employment

Veterans' Services Advisory Board

Charly Oliva		Period of Employment
Vincent Viglione		6/30/22
William Bowen	*At Large Mbr*	6/30/22
Michael Edreich		6/30/22
Robert Vigneault	*At Large Mbr*	6/30/22
Janet Jourdain		6/30/23
William McClure	*At Large Member*	6/30/23
Keith Poulin	*Associate Member*	6/30/23
Larry Raine	*At Large Member*	6/30/24
George Archible		6/30/25

Name	Office	Term Expires	Name	Office	Term Expires

Willard Stebbins Trust Fund

Peg Louraine
Thomas Stockton

Zoning Board of Appeals

Jennifer Sharroq	6/30/23
Mark Hebert	6/30/24
Brian Gibbons	6/30/25
Dino Brunetti *Associate Member*	6/30/23
Russell Sabadosa *Associate Member*	6/30/23
Wayne Versace *Associate Member*	6/30/23

Zoning Enforcement Officer

Paul Adzima	6/30/23

SELECT BOARD

We began the calendar year with a presentation from our Fire Chief concerning a 'Safer Grant' that would allow us to hire six additional staff members. The Board approved the application to proceed. We also invited Zachary Blake from the Division of Local Services to present and speak to the highlights of the financial management report that was completed last year. Recommendations that were made are being reviewed, prioritized and in some cases being implemented.

In March we held a Special Town Meeting to discuss and vote on the School Department's request for funding for a feasibility study on Jabish Middle School. Town meeting approved the warrant article to proceed.

In the Spring, The Select Board voted 3-2 to inform the Town Administrator that his contract would not be renewed. This led to widespread concern and anger by many residents. After a contentious group spoke at a Select Board meeting, one of the 3 select Board members resigned from the board. A special election was called to fill that vacancy. Prior to that election, the Select Board reversed their previous vote and renewed the Town Administrator's contract.

The Energy and Sustainability Committee was given the task to study and implement the warrant article that passed at the 2021 Town Meeting regarding Municipal Aggregation. See their report elsewhere in this document.

Some notable new hires include a new Police Chief, and our first Human Resources Director as well as two staff members in Finnerty House. A search for an Economic Development manager was not successful.

As a result of numerous requests from citizens following the last Recall Election, the Select Board reviewed the existing by-law and compared it to other municipalities' process. The result was a revision of our by-law presented to Annual Town Meeting where it was accepted. It currently is 'awaiting action' from the State Legislature.

Many boards and committees continued serving the residents of Belchertown. Their reports are also included in this document. Two new committees were created; the McPherson Garden Committee and the Belchertown State School Buildings and Grounds Committee.

The town was fortunate to receive $4,512,95 in ARPA funds for expenses related to the Covid epidemic. The school department received $1,949,868 in ESSR money. Not all funds have been allocated as of this writing. The total requests for how to spend that money is, of course, higher than the total funds available. Difficult decisions lie ahead.

As you read through the reports of the many boards and committees, we hope you will consider joining us to help continue to make Belchertown a great place to raise a family.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Barry, Chair, Select Board

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Over the past twelve months, town departments have continued to provide essential services challenged by the ongoing influence of the Covid pandemic. Essential staff and vendors of the Town of Belchertown continue to be affected by the Covid virus, supply shortages, and rampant inflation. None the less, every essential task required of our town departments was completed, on time, without unintended consequences.

After many years of discussions, design changes, and budgetary constraints, the Lawrence Memorial Hall parking lot was completely reconfigured and re-built over the past construction season. The new lot

provides greater efficiency, additional parking, enhanced stormwater management, and completely utilizes the former Quabbin Industries property on Everett Avenue, purchased by the Town some years ago for this exact reason.

In addition, and as mentioned in my prior report, demolition of several former Belchertown State School buildings, and construction of a new industrial road on the grounds of the former Belchertown State School was ongoing. Completion of the new road is expected on or about July 1, 2023.

Several months ago, Belchertown Fire Rescue was notified a federal grant seeking funding to add six additional Full-Time Firefighter/Paramedics to our staff was approved. The notification could not have come at a more significant time in the future of this department as our call volume continues to surpass projections, increasing our reliance on outside ambulance services to respond to Belchertown calls. Last year there was a total of 178 mutual aid EMS calls, which ultimately delay the swift response of an ambulance to someone in need. This disallows our town the billing, which generates revenue to offset our operation. We are anxious to get these six new employees trained on our policies and procedures, and integrated into the shift schedules. We are also anxiously awaiting delivery of a new ambulance that has been delayed for months as a result of the Pandemic related vehicle shortage. We are hopeful to see this new vehicle in service in March or April.

Our efforts to assist the Tenants Association at Sportshaven Mobile Home Park were ongoing with the development of a new well. The preliminary designs of the new drinking water distribution system and wastewater disposal plans. This project has been delayed somewhat after the court closed due to the Covid pandemic. We are hopeful to get back on schedule the beginning of this new construction season in 2023.

Also, as many may have noticed, demolition and reconstruction of the Park Street water storage facility has finally been completed. The old original near 100 year old tank was removed and replaced with a 250 thousand gallon tank at the same location. Once the tank was completed, the entire Old Town Hall Belchertown UCC Church lot was reconstructed, resurfaced, and finished with marked parking spaces and appropriate signage.

In October, town's first retail adult use cannabis facility conducted its ribbon cutting at the corner of George Hannum Street and Federal Street. After negotiating six community host agreements with interested retailors or cultivators of cannabis projects, seeing this store open was encouraging considering the amount of time and effort required to ratify a host agreement that fails to materialize as many of the others we have ratified have done. We wish the owners of Clear Sky Cannabis the best of luck with their Belchertown Business.

Following a very volatile period in 2021 when lumber and building material process increased to prices never thought possible, markets stabilized in early 2022. Soon thereafter, interest rates began to rise rapidly, significantly impacting mortgage and finance costs, which further compromised our residential development activity. I expect this trend to continue well into the new year, which will impact our new growth and next year's budget preparation cycle.

And finally, after approximately 32 years of service to the Town of Belchertown, Executive Assistant to the Select Board and Town Administrator, Ann Pittsley, officially retired in late summer. A fall state election delivered change to Belchertown legislative team when Senator Lesser chose not to seek another term in his Senate office, opening the door for Belchertown's Representative, Jake Oliveira, to seek election to the Senate seat and several local candidates seeking election to Representative Oliveira's former House of Representative seat. Following the election, Jake Oliver has become Belchertown's new

State Senator and Belchertown resident Aron Saunders has become one of Belchertown's two State Representatives. Congratulations to both Senator Oliveira and Representative Saunders.
We also anticipate the retirement of long term Treasurer/Collector Lisa Banner early in the new year and after nearly 26 years in this position, this Administrator will also be retiring. As such, this will be my final annual report to the Town of Belchertown and my opportunity to express my deep gratitude to the residents of this town, what a privilege to serve in this position for nearly 26 years. It has been a great experience to work with the dedicated employees of our town, many of the elected boards and committee members, and the countless volunteers who make our town a great place to live.

With sincere appreciation,
Gary L. Brougham, Town Administrator

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee is an advisory committee that collaborates with the Town Administrator, Town Accountant, department heads and Select Board members throughout the budget process cycle to gather information and data to make sound financial recommendations on the fiscally related Warrants at Annual and/or Special Town Meeting. In addition, current year revenue and expenditures are reviewed by the committee on a monthly basis. In FY 2023, the Finance Committee spearheaded the creation and implementation of a Capital Plan process that will be piloted with the budgeting process for FY 2024. The intent of having this Plan in place is to codify information on potential future capital needs in an easy access format to provide a high-level overview for capital expenditure planning over five plus year period. The Finance Committee strives to maintain transparency in the budget process, be collaborative, open-minded, and consider first and foremost what is best overall for the town and its schools in its fiscal related recommendations as well as what is sustainable operationally.

		Budget FY2022		Budget FY2023
Income				
Town local receipts	$	3,355,700	$	3,436,692
Property tax levy	$	30,937,000	$	32,019,264
State Funding/school building assista	$	18,925,188	$	17,316,119
Enterprise funds & other available sou	$	4,177,220	$	4,762,804
	$	**57,395,108**	**$**	**57,534,879**
Expenses				
State assessments/offsets	$	2,683,069	$	2,493,153
Schools	$	31,945,887	$	32,491,530
Town departments	$	11,789,794	$	12,291,222
Fixed Costs/other	$	8,474,254	$	7,756,240
Enterprise funds	$	2,502,104	$	2,502,734
	$	**57,395,108**	**$**	**57,534,879**

Respectively Submitted,

Laurie Shea, Chair
Michael Otto, Vice-Chair
Angela McCall, Clerk
John Ritter, Member
Cindy Kroll, Member

ADA COMMITTEE

The American with Disabilities Committee Members for the year 2022 were Paul Adzima, ADA Liaison; Steven Williams, Director of Public Works; Gary Brougham, Town Administrator; Eric LeBeau, Dir. of Bldgs. and Grounds and Max Bock, Maintenance Department.

The Committee meets throughout the year as necessary.

The ADA Committee responds to any complaint on ADA related issues, and monitors the progress of the resolution of those issues.

The ADA Committee invites the public's opinion and concerns to help promote a safe environment for those who are disabled.

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

2022 was a year of change and reorganization for the Agricultural Commission, with the resignation of our first and only Chairperson, Will Shattuck. The Commission would like to thank Will for his many years of dedicated service to the Commission and all the Farmers of Belchertown. We look forward to Will's continued support through his new position as our Chairman Emeritus.

We continue to support the annual Farmers Market on the Common and educational opportunities for all sizes of local agricultural enterprises. Tammy Ryan continues as our representative to the Lampson Brook Farm project to ensure the agricultural voice is heard as the project moves forward.

The commission reviewed and updated our mission statement and are making plans for an exciting 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elly Vaughan, Chairman
Lori Carver, Secretary
Eric Bernardin, Member
Tammy Ryan, Vice-Chairman
Louise Butler, Member

ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD

The Animal Control Advisory Board (ACAB) was formed in 2011 by the Board of Selectmen, who, prior to the inception of ACAB, was holding numerous hearings regarding domestic animal complaints and neighbor disputes within the community. As a result, the Board of Selectmen agreed it beneficial to form a separate board to hear and resolve matters that have escalated beyond the day to day functions of the Animal Control Officer.

The members of the ACAB comprise of residents with a wealth of knowledge and experience with domestic animals. All members currently are pet owners. Members include kennel operators, horse breeders, animal rescuers, and a member with a service animal. ACAB works closely with the Animal Control Officer in resolving matters of an escalated nature, and often, disputes between neighbors.

In 2022, ACAB had no meetings scheduled for hearings. Very good year for obedient pets.
ACAB remains a stable and dedicated Board. We presently have one opening for a new Board member since Mr. Breveleri resigned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Luippold, Chairperson
Carol Kasabian
Paul Kopulos
Audrey Safford
Chrystal Greenleaf
Lori Carver

ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT

This department answered over 2350 calls during 2022. We dealt with a range of animals from domestic dogs and cats to all manner of wildlife.

We along with Westbrook Veterinary Hospital held 2 rabies and microchip clinics sponsored by BARC, Belchertown Animal Relief Committee at the shelter.

We hosted a well-attended large animal/equine rescue class at Green Acres Equestrian Center that was funded by BARC, Belchertown Animal Relief Committee.

We also enjoyed participating in Belchertown Fire Departments open house/fire safety day.

Tractor Supply has been wonderful along with local residents with donating dog and cat food for our petfood pantry.

Animals at Belchertown Animal Control on January 1, 2022	Cats: 17	Dogs: 0
Animals in Foster on January 1, 2022:	Cats: 4	Dogs: 0

TOTAL ANIMALS IN: 110

- Animals Brought In via Stray and Owner Surrender	Cats: 43 Owls: 2 Hawk: 1 Porcupine: 1	Dogs: 45 Woodchuck: 1 Birds: 2
- Animals Born in Shelter	Cats: 0	Dogs: 0
- Animals Transferred In	Cats: 1	Dogs: 0
- Animals Returned from Adoption	Cats: 5	Dogs: 1
- Animals Returned from Fostering	Cats: 7	Dogs: 1

TOTAL ANIMALS OUT: 120

- Animals Adopted	Cats: 52	Dogs: 5
- Animals Dead on Arrival	Cats: 2	Dogs: 0
- Animals Died on Shelter	Cats: 3	Dogs: 0 Owl: 1
- Animals Euthanized Woodchuck: 1	Cats: 1	Dogs: 1
- Animals Going into Foster	Cats: 7	Dogs: 2
- Animals Returned to Owners	Cats: 2 Birds: 2	Dogs: 37
- Animals Transferred to Other Shelters	Cats: 0 Owl: 1 Porcupine: 1	Dogs: 1 Hawk: 1

Animals at Belchertown Animal Control at the end of 2022:	Cats: 6	Dogs: 1
Animals in Foster at the end of 2022:	Cats: 2	Dogs: 1

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors is pleased to provide its 2022 Annual Report to the Select Board.

At the municipal election in May, Raymond Goff was re-elected to a three-year term on the Board of Assessors. After serving on the Board for 15 years, Thomas Barry moved out of state and resigned. The Board thanks Mr. Barry for his dedicated service to the community and acknowledge his strong attendance at Board meetings while battling multiple health issues. The Board and assessing staff wishes Mr. Barry the best of luck regarding his new endeavors. Donald Minney remains a member of the Board. The Assessors welcomed Kayleigh Goodrow as the department's new technical assistant.

Although the costs associated with operating municipal government continue to rise, the Assessors Office works within the constraints of a "level service" budget to provide the town with accurate valuations and financial data.

Important figures in establishing Belchertown's fiscal year 2022 municipal budget included:

FY22 Total Taxable Value	1,751,812,011
Town Meeting Appropriations	$58,074,180
Estimated Receipts/State Aid	$27,129,570
Tax Levy	$30,944,610
Levy Limit and Debt Exclusions	$29,827,808
FY22 New Growth	$454,510
FY22 Tax Rate	$17.66

The Board acted upon timely filed tax abatement applications along with exemption applications for qualifying disabled veterans, elderly, widowed and blind property owners.
The number of tax exemptions are as follows:

Senior/Widowed	27
Disabled Veterans/surviving spouses (of disabled veterans)	181
Blind (certified by MA Commission for the Blind)	2

The Board also reviewed and acted upon "chapter" applications for land devoted to agricultural/horticultural, recreational or forestry uses. The Board continues to perform field reviews as needed.

The Assessors conducted a valuation update of all real and personal property in fiscal year 2022. Due to improved market conditions, the town's overall property values increased. The Board is confident that all classes of property are valued according to the Massachusetts Commissioner of Revenue's certification standards.

The assessing staff continues to value new residential developments such as Hickory Hills off George Hannum Road and Summer Hill condominiums along Daniel Shays Highway.

In accordance with Department of Revenue guidelines, the Assessors are obligated to inspect each property every ten years. The assessing staff continued to perform interior & exterior inspections while adhering to local health care protocols and safety measures.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Goff
Donald Minney
Board of Assessors

BELCHERTOWN AGE & DEMENTIA FRIENDLY IMPLEMENTATION GROUP

The Belchertown Age and Dementia Friendly Implementation Group established in 2021 prioritizes and implements actions listed in the "Age & Dementia Friendly Belchertown Community Assessment and Action Plan". The Belchertown Council on Aging leads this group, coordinates meetings and collaborates with Department Heads, local businesses and private citizens who comprise the group. The Belchertown Age & Dementia Friendly Implementation Group meets four times per year to prioritize projects, monitor progress and track outcomes.

The Belchertown Age & Dementia Friendly Community Assessment and Action Plan is a living document. It entails the steps required to achieve an Age & Dementia Friendly Community designation. Upon AARP's approval, this action plan takes effect and the group will begin implementing its steps.

The goal of this group is to design and implement policies, procedures and services which enhance quality of life; enable those who live, work and play in our community, to do so safely and independently regardless of age, income or ability.

The first item the group is working on is training Town staff and committees on Dementia, including learning tools for dealing with the public who may be experiencing some memory loss/difficulties. This goal extends to branching out to businesses (banks, restaurants etc.) in town after staff and volunteers have completed their training. We intend on completing this goal with support from the Alzheimer's Association.

Below are those joining the Belchertown Age & Dementia Friendly Implementation Group with a 3-year term commitment thus far:

Jessica Langlois, Executive Director-Belchertown Senior Center
Steve Williams, Director-Belchertown DPW
Doug Albertson, Town Planner, Town of Belchertown
John Belding, COA Advisory Board Chair/Community Member
Becky Martin, Community Member

BELCHERTOWN COMMUNITY TELEVISION

The purpose of Belchertown Community Television is to operate Community Channels 191, 192, and 193 on the public access television system in Belchertown. BCTV provides training and technical assistance in the use of video production equipment, access to video resources, and time on the access channels. Facilities are available for the production and presentation of live or taped programming of interest to the Belchertown community. BCTV's role is to provide resources, training, and assistance while remaining content-neutral regarding their use.

We continue to broadcast a wide range of government, community, and educational programs of interest to Belchertown. We also continue to need volunteers. What we can produce is limited to the time these volunteers are available; more volunteers equal more local programming.

Channel 193 - BCTV Weather Station

The BCTV weather information program is broadcast on Charter channel 193 and displays the current weather conditions at the BCTV station. This service operates 24 hours a day.

Government Access Programs – BCTV broadcasts the following Town Boards, Committees, and/or Commissions:

Select Board
Planning Board
Conservation Commission
BEDIC
Council on Aging
Zoning Board of Appeals
Agriculture Commission
Board of Health
Annual Town Meeting
School Committee
Special Town Meeting
Energy and Sustainability Committee

Educational Access Programs – Educational programs being broadcast on BCTV include:

In a normal school year, we would have covered the following events: the COVID pandemic meant that this year most of them were not scheduled:

Most BHS Band Concerts
Most BHS Drama Presentations
Most CHCS Band Concerts
BHS Annual Graduation Ceremony
Swift River and Chestnut Hill school productions

Community Access Programs – BCTV continues to cover as many community events as possible. A partial list includes:

Again, the COVID pandemic meant most of the following events did not happen this year.

The Summer Community Band Concerts
The Annual Belchertown Fair
The Annual Fair Parade
Some Holiday events
Winter Light Night
Veteran Day Ceremonies
Memorial Day Ceremonies

Weekly Church Services on BCTV include:

St. Francis Roman Catholic Church
Christ Community Church
Hope United Methodist Church

BCTV Streaming Service and Archive Service

Use belchertownctv.viebit.com to access streaming Channels 191 and 192.
Archived shows can be viewed by going to the Town Web page (Belchertown.org) and clicking on Residents, then click on BCTV, and then Watch Previous Meetings.

Shows produced outside of Belchertown:

Educational Crafting with Charlotte
Conversations with Pakman

Accomplishment and Goals

BCTV's goal each year is to maintain and upgrade our existing facility and to get new volunteers trained and independently operating. It is our hope to cover as many community events as we can and then broadcast them as professionally as we can. Community events presented professionally make us an asset in Belchertown. BCTV is always in need of volunteers. There are meetings we simply cannot cover, repair work that waits for months, and skills we do not possess that we could use.

This year we installed a Leightronix Vier at Belchertown High School to replace outdated and no longer functioning equipment. The new /Vier should make it easier and quicker for our staff to setup and go live/stream from that location.
As has been noted throughout this report, the pandemic changed how we operate on a day-to-day basis. Normal town meetings were now virtual town meetings. BCTV purchased/acquired through town resources computers that would interface with our video/audio equipment. Add in some converters and BCTV was able to broadcast live the virtual town committee meetings.

The town IT Department loaded the virtual meeting software onto the computers so that BCTV could "attend" the meetings. With some staff training on the use of the new systems and we were back to "normal" in less than a week.

BCTV does have a small but extremely dedicated staff. Below is the complete list of the folks who make up BCTV and many but not all the shows they tape, edit, burn to DVDs, upload to Sprout for the citizens of Belchertown, along with some of their other contributions to BCTV:

Pat Barry – BEDIC, Board of Health, upload shows to Sprout
Dan Beaudette – ZBA, Selectmen, Council on Aging, Agricultural Commission
Mary Ann Brennen – Planning Board, Annual Town Meeting, Special Town Meeting, and other events
Keith Bettencourt – Conversations with Pakman
Charlotte Cassidy – producer of Educational Crafting with Charlotte, a children friendly show
Louise Christ – BCTV Scheduler, St. Francis Roman Catholic Church, Concerts on the Common
Shawn Lindholm – All School Activities at BHS, JBMS, and Crocker Farm
Frank Lommano – BCTV IT Manager, all live BCTV shows, Conservation Commission

Respectfully Submitted,
Lewis Louraine, Station Manager

BELCHERTOWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION

The Belchertown Economic Development Industrial Corporation (BEDIC) was formed by Town Meeting vote in 1982. The Board of Selectmen appoints seven members with staggered, three-year terms. Formed under Mass. General Law Chapter 121C, BEDIC's mission is to develop and implement a Town Meeting approved economic development plan on the former Belchertown State School property creating real estate investment and jobs. BEDIC overcame many long-term obstacles blocking the development of the site, solving the indemnification issues with the Division of Capital Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) with help from our legislators and MassDevelopment. During 2014 the Governor signed the release of an additional parcel to the BEDIC that was transferred in early 2015.

MassDevelopment continues as master developer for site with BEDIC, Town Selectmen, and the Planning Board. The site, named Carriage Grove, is being marketed broadly. The main road, Carriage Drive, was completed in November 2019 and opened to the public in December. The 2,000 foot road, enabled by a $3,000,000 Mass Works grant, is complete with imbedded infrastructure for new development projects. The road was accepted by the Town in 2020.
From Fiscal Year 2018 through FY 22 the BEDIC was awarded $2,319,000 in grants for site improvement, roads and site clearing. We have also brought to the Town another $5 million in funding from the Commonwealth to clear buildings, develop infrastructure and promote development. To date, through MassDevelopment, BEDIC has spent almost $9.5 million in State funds for remediation and demolition of twenty structures including: the cottages, the large School Building, Dorm G, the infirmary, the hospital, cafeteria, laundry and storage buildings, totaling around 300,000 sqf.

In 2022, MassDevelopment began construction of a cul-de-sac road that will open up 15 acres of light industrial land to the east of Carriage Drive. This road will be completed in 2023. Grant funds through the U.S. Economic Development Administration and the Commonwealth Site Readiness Program will be used to build the road.

BEDIC and MassDevelopment worked with the Planning Board, the Belchertown Historical and Conservation Commissions, Town groups and the State to collaborate on plans for memorializing the history of the site and providing access for the public through a trails network. This work continues.

Christopher Heights of Belchertown assisted living facility and the Belchertown Day School are actively operating their buildings on site. We continue to seek top-flight developers for portions of the property using the Town Approved Master Plan. BEDIC has entered into a Purchase and Sale agreement with Brisa Development for the first phase of development on a 12-acre segment of the property.

Directors:	William Terry, Chairman	Kirk Stephens, Vice Chairman
	Jonathan Spiegel, At Large Seat	Bob Rivard, Industrial Seat
	Beth Maroney, Financial Seat	Richard Kump, Real Estate Seat

BELCHERTOWN FAMILY CENTER

The Belchertown Family Center is located at 51 State Street and is open Tuesday-Friday from 10:00am to 11:30 am. The mission of the BFC is to provide a safe, nurturing, inclusive learning environment for children and their caregivers. We fulfill this mission through our partnership with the Collaborative for Educational Services, who provide weekly playgroups, high quality enrichment activities, social events, workshops, field trips and the facilitation of shared resources within our community. All activities and events are designed to assist with preschool and kindergarten readiness. The center provides resources for families who are new in town. The center has partnered with WIC and Community Action to offer support and assistance to those in need. The BFC is overseen by the Select Board appointed committee and the CES coordinator.

Over the past year, the center has been opening more regularly for drop in style groups. The BFC hosted two vendor fairs to facilitate supporting small businesses and building community. The center also provided several successful enrichment events such as hosting the Zoo on the Go and a community clean up garden party. Looking ahead, the center will continue to serve families through the opening of the Community Closet, a donation based resource for families in the Belchertown area that provides free toys, gear and supplies, and other events and center based initiatives. Lastly, the BFC provides meeting space for community groups such as Girl Scout Troops, and may be available for other groups in the future.

For more information please reach out to BFC Committee representative Courtney Pucel at csmpucel@gmail.com or, Interim Playgroup Leader Raychel Tyburski at rtyburski@collaborative.org or visit our Facebook page.

BELCHERTOWN OVERCOMING ADDICTION TOGETHER (BOAT)

BOAT was formed in 2016 in response to the need for local leadership action to address and combat the ongoing opioid crisis. The Task Force is comprised of local officials and various members of the community, each offering unique experience and expertise critical to development of comprehensive plans to tackle substance misuse at the local level.

BOAT has been hard at work this past year collaborating with Hampshire Hope, Quaboag Substance Use Alliance, Clean Slate, Tapestry, HEALing Communities, Quabbin Health District, along with other regional organizations. These collaborations, along with partnership with the Belchertown Police Department and it's Drug Addiction & Recovery Team (DART), BOAT has successfully maintained and expanded resources to help serve residents affected by substance use disorders; helped & supported loved ones; promoted prevention; and educated the community on addiction, harm reduction and prevention. BOAT's mission is to not only provide support and resources, but to also serve as a catalyst for awareness, prevention, and harm reduction locally.

In concert with the Belchertown Public Schools, Belchertown was awarded a 5-year Drug Free Communities grant late in 2019. This funding is earmarked specifically for substance use prevention efforts among Belchertown's youth population, with focus on alcohol, tobacco/vaping, and marijuana use. The grant funding precipitated the development of Belchertown Overcoming Obstacles in Youth (BUOY), which focused specifically on substance use prevention among Belchertown Youth.

Belchertown Police Department's Drug Addiction & Recovery Team (DART) reported 5 fatal deaths during 2022, 2 being a direct result of long-term alcoholism, 1 heroin overdose, 1 morphine overdose, and 1 mixture of several substances overdose. Additionally, they reported 19 non-fatal overdoses, 1 being out of state, and 109 substance-related police calls in Belchertown over the past year. Narcan was utilized on 13 individuals who suffered from a fatal/non-fatal overdose. DART has partnered with Granby and South Hadley in sharing a 24/7 Crisis Clinician from Behavioral Health Network. Additionally, DART attended a training at the Log Cabin in which information was presented on utilizing a Critical Information Management System for law enforcement and/or first responders regarding substance use overdoses and/or at-risk persons with substance use disorders. This software will streamline the processes for referrals to substance use treatment programs. During 2022, 5 Belchertown Police Officers were trained for DART.

BOAT commemorated International Overdose Awareness Day on August 31, 2022 by hosting a vigil ion the town common to honor those who have been lost to addiction-related causes, while celebrating those in recovery. The vigil included luminarias to honor loved ones, speakers, with all attendees being given the opportunity to share their stories or thoughts, informational resources, distribution of harm reduction items including Naloxone and training on the use of Naloxone to reverse overdose.

A summary of events of BOAT activities includes: Free Naloxone distribution and education events, resulting in dozens of doses of Naloxone being distributed, organized candlelight vigil on the town common for Overdose Awareness Day, partnership with Tapestry Health to offer regularly scheduled mobile harm reduction services at established locations in Belchertown, Deployed 2 naloxboxes at Pine Valley Planation, participated and partnered with SOAAR in their annual 5k & Music Festival, National Night Out in Palmer and Ware, and partnered with BUOY in orchestrating the 1st Annual Umbrella of Wellness Fair on the common. BOAT/BUOY organized 3 Drug Take Back Days with a total of 16 larger boxes of medications collected. Additionally, BOAT and BUOY orchestrated a day-long Prevention 101 training. The training was conducted by a Master Trainer from the Community Anti-Drug Coalition of America (CADCA), the nation's leading substance use and misuse prevention organization, and orchestrates a 3 week long academy for all Drug-Free Community programs. Learning objectives included the following: Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF), continuum of care, SPF in action and comprehensive strategies, action steps, and coalition development.

BELCHERTOWN UNDERSTANDING OBSTICLES IN YOUTH (BUOY)

The Belchertown Public School District Drug Free Communities (DFC) program was established in 2019. The DFC is a Federal 5-year grant initiative out of the National Office of Drug Control Policy & Center for Disease Control. Presently, BUOY is in its 3rd year of the grant. The grant provides funding to community based coalitions that organize to prevent youth substance use. BUOY is the prevention arm of

BOAT and its primary focus is to strengthen collaboration among community structures and systems to reduce substance use among youth. BUOY's vision is to create a substance use prevention program supported by the community. BUOY and BOAT will work together toward a common goal of building and sustaining a safe, healthy and drug-free community in collaboration with schools, community partners, parents and students who strive to prevent and reduce youth substance use.

The DFC Program Director/Project Coordinator has been employed since May 2021. At this time the Community Engagement Coordinator position is open, as the previous Coordinator resigned in October 2022. BUOY has partnered with over 40 county organizations and has increased membership on BOAT from 18 to 61, which is a 344% increase since Fall 2021. These partnerships are critical to reducing youth substance use, treatment and recovery. Additionally, BUOY is a member of 9 committees across the county and locally and include: SPIFFY Regional Policy and Norms Group, SPIFFY School Health Task Force, Belchertown Opioid Settlement Fund Committee, Umbrella of Wellness Sub-Committee, SPIFFY Cannabis Café Committee, SPIFFY Data Committee, Hampshire County Coalitions Group, SPIFFY Steering Committee, and Belchertown Healthy and Safer School Group. Additionally, BUOY has partnered with over 40 organizations and coalitions in Hampshire and Hampden County.

BUOY attended 7 summits/conferences during 2022 including High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA), MA Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS), National Prevention Network Conference, 9th Annual Safe & Healthy School Summit, BOAT/BUOY Prevention 101 Training, CADCA Mid-Year Training Institute, and CADCA's 32nd Annual National Leadership Forum. BUOY staff have completed over 100 trainings, webinars, and workshops. Further, Dr. Shawn Fortin and Kris Hoag, DFC Program Director, graduated from CADCA's rigorous 3 week academy. This year, BOAT/BUOY will be presented with the GOT OUTCOMES – Blue Ribbon Coalition Award at the 33rd Annual National Leadership Forum. The award is presented by CADCA and presented to coalitions for their outstanding work and dedication to their community utilizing the CADCA model of prevention and commitment to creating a foundation for population-level outcomes. The award is specific to BOAT/BUOY coalition efforts in reducing youth ease of access at local businesses that hold a tobacco retail license. As a result of our findings, BUOY is working with the Board of Health and the Pioneer Valley Tobacco Coalition regarding updating local tobacco policies and regulations.

Kris Hoag completed a Train-the-Trainer Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) Course, becoming a Certified YMHFA Instructor. Two YMHFA trainings were orchestrated at the High School during Professional Development Day. YMHFA is designed to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, peers, neighbors, hatch and human service workers, and other caring citizens how to help and adolescent (age 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or addictions challenge or is in crisis. YMHFA training was offered during 2 separate Professional Development days within the Belchertown Public School District. A total of 37 teachers completed the training to become Certified YMHFAiders. Additionally, Ms. Hoag completed a Train-the-Trainer Training for Intervention Procedures (TIPS) course, becoming a Certified TIPS Instructor. TISP is the global leaders in education and training for the responsible services, sale, and consumption of alcohol. In the Fall 2021 BUOY partnered with the PD in orchestrating purchase survey checks at businesses who hold liquor licenses. 7/13 asked for identification. As a result, Ms. Hoag became TIPS certified. Since, 10 out of 13 Belchertown businesses with liquor licenses have at least 1 employee that has completed TIPS training. Additionally, TIPS training was orchestrated in Ware, MA with a total of 3 employees from a local bar/restaurant.

BUOY orchestrated the 1st Annual Umbrella of Wellness Fair on the common. Over 25 non-profit organizations provided information at tables, over 25 local businesses donated items for a giveaway, 7 food trucks were present, and included a main stage speaker, Nathan Harmon. Approximately 200 community members attended the event. During the Fall 2022, Nathan Harmon returned to Belchertown

to speak to 6th – 9th graders during 3 separate assemblies. Contributing to the Belchertown Public Schools prevention efforts, a student organization was created called Helping Hands, which is a student-run organization. During the academic year 2021-22, BHS adopted VapeEducate as an alternative to suspension for students caught vaping. 11 students completed the program. VapeEducate is an educational program designed to educate students about the dangers of vaping.

BUOY has participated in and/or organized over 50 events over the past year, where information was made available to the public regarding vaping, alcohol and marijuana prevention. Events included: SOAAR 5k, Overdose Awareness Day candle light Vigil, National Night Out, School open houses, Farmer's Markets, Drug Take Back Day, Red Ribbon Week at CHCS, Red Ribbon BCTV presentation, Recovery in the Park, Aaron's Race, 1st Annual Umbrella of Wellness Fair, Safe Storage for Medication Storage workshop at the Senior Center, Family Resource Center Summer Block Party, and a plethora of additional events. BUOY continues to work with the schools in disseminating assessments and providing resources for our youth. This includes the 2022 Preventative Needs Assessment Survey, CRAFFT (153 9th graders), Botvin Life Skills (480 CHCS youth), and SBIRT (153 9th graders, with 12 receiving a brief intervention and 1 referral to treatment.

CLAPP MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Fiscal Year 2022 (July 2021-June 2022) got off to a good start as the library was once again open to the public without an appointment. Despite having to return to curbside service in late January and early February when COVID numbers rose precipitously, we were able to welcome 37,895 people into the building this fiscal year. We made incremental steps throughout the year to get the library back to normal operations after two years of COVID restrictions.

Library programming returned in full force this year. We had a total of 273 programs with 6,505 total participants. Programs included our five book clubs, a teen pumpkin carving event, "Artober," a Massachusetts Must Read Author Series, and Twosday – a special celebration for 2/22/22 that included raffles and an outdoor scavenger hunt. The Teen Advisory Board also met regularly. In-person storytimes resumed in March, thanks to the Recreation Department, which allowed us to use their space for the programs. A weekly music program was also able to resume in person because we were able to use the Town Hall Auditorium. We are very grateful to have such generous and collaborative colleagues in other Town departments.

The Summer Reading Programs were well-executed and well-received, though numbers were greatly reduced from pre-pandemic years. Ninety people participated in our adult summer reading challenge, and 40 teens participated in the summer reading program. The theme for the children's summer reading program was "Tails & Tales," and 228 children participated. Once again, Belchertown artist Scott Fisher designed an original logo for the program. We are lucky to have such talented individuals in our community!

We had 5 additional hotspots this year from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) as part of a statewide program with federal funding. Service on the hotspots is paid for one year. These 5 hotspots join the 3 we have already been circulating for the past few years to help expand internet connectivity throughout town. The hotspots are very popular with our community; up to ten devices can be connected to a single hotspot, and each hotspot can be checked out for two weeks.

The Library houses a small but select collection of 24,710 print books, 3,725 audio items, 5,946 DVDs, and 50 print magazine subscriptions. Many patrons made use of these materials with circulation totaling 87,703. In addition, we offer a variety of electronic collections, most of which can be accessed from home. These include genealogy resources, foreign language learning, online animated picture books, Consumer Reports, Birds of the World, the New York Times, and – new this year – Mango Languages.

Usage of electronic collections exceeded 35,500 and interest in our streaming services, Kanopy and Hoopla, has remained consistently high.

Membership in the CW MARS resource sharing network leverages our collection by allowing our users to borrow materials from 157 member libraries with combined collections of over 8 million items. This membership also provides access to the OverDrive Digital Collection featuring over 121,000 e-books, 4,000 serial subscriptions, and nearly 65,000 audiobooks.

There were 6,756 Clapp Memorial Library card holders, including 373 new cards issued in FY22. Staff answered over 5,000 reference questions and our website was visited 27,468 times.

Thirty-one individual volunteers, of which 13 were junior volunteers in grades 7 and up, donated a combined 146 hours of their time to the library. This number doesn't include our wonderful Friends of the Library, who also donate countless hours. Due to COVID, the fantastic Friends were unable to host either of their book sales again this year.

Our historic building requires considerable ongoing care and maintenance. The Library Trustees ran a successful Annual Appeal aimed at raising funds to support the myriad needs of a 145-year-old building. We deeply appreciate the many people who donated in support of our beautiful library and our mission to serve the residents of Belchertown.

This year saw some big staffing changes. Mary Senecal retired in November 2021 after 23 years of service to the library. We then welcomed Anne Macon in January 2022 to fill the vacated position. This year also saw the end of an era with the June 3, 2022 retirement of library director, Sheila McCormick. She adeptly guided the library for over 10 years, including leading in the uncharted waters of a pandemic. Thank you, Sheila, for all you did for the library, its staff, and the Belchertown community over the last decade. On June 13, 2022, Cyndi Harbeson took over as the thirteenth director of the Clapp Memorial Library.

Submitted by

Cyndi Harbeson, Library Director

COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Having been memberless for the majority of 2021-2022, the Communications Committee was reestablished in November.

With only three active members at the time, the committee's first vote was to establish Chris Martin as Chair, followed by Aileen Gildea-Pyne as Vice-Chair, and Lew Louraine as Clerk. The vote was also made to bring aboard Teresa Halperin as the fourth member of the committee.

The Communications Committee was established for the purpose of developing, enhancing and recommending policies and procedures for public facing communications on behalf of the Town of Belchertown and its various committees and departments. Bearing this in mind, the decision was made to focus on the restructuring of **www.belchertown.org** to be the primary hub for all communications from the town. Additionally, an unfulfilled contract with the current site's web developers meant that we could make these changes without creating new costs for the town. While little progress has been made in the short amount of time the committee has had, kickoff meetings have all been held and many projects are in motion. We hope to do big things in 2023.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Martin, Chair

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Now in its successful sixteenth year, the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) continues to review project applications for Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds and make recommendations to the Town of Belchertown. These recommendations for funding are then voted on and approved at Town Meeting.

The CPA is a state tool designed to help individual towns and cities preserve and enhance their community. Belchertown voters approved CPA participation at Town Meeting on May 16, 2005. Every year 10% of the CPA funds must be allocated to each of three categories: open space, historic preservation and community housing. The remaining 70% may be allocated to any of these categories including creation of recreational facilities or rehabilitating existing ones.

Under the CPA, the state-match funds raised in Belchertown from a tax surcharge of 1.5% averages $50 per household/year. This year the state provided a 43.84% match. The CPA surcharge for FY 2022 was $304,690.00 and the state match was $125,773.00. However, since many CPA projects include additional outside funding sources, the financial benefits to Belchertown have greatly multiplied the town's own contributions. Over the last 16 years, there has been a total of $1,369,179 spent on the preservation of open space; $466,000 on the creation of new affordable housing opportunities; $1,111,091 on the creation and rehabilitation of recreational areas; and $1,380,159 on the preservation of historic features; all tallying $4,326,426. Leveraged funding has totaled $21,715,480 so the Town has benefited from a total of $26,041,906 in projects.

The 2022 Annual Town Meeting approved four CPA projects with a total appropriation of $274,975.00, with total matching funds of $315,620.00. These projects include:

- Gravestone restoration at Mt. Hope and Hillcrest Cemeteries
- Creation of Pickleball Courts at CHCS
- Acquisition of Jackson Parcels off Gulf Road
- Window Replacement at HUMC Building, 29 Main Street

The CPC is committed to an open public process that is fair to all prospective applicants and assures funds are allocated efficiently and effectively.

The volunteers serving on the 9-member commission for the past year include:

At-Large, James Natle, Chairman
At-Large, Megan Manitsas
Historic Comm, Alex Loss
Planning Board, Mike Hofler
Conservation, David Lamb
At-Large, Linda Leduc, Vice-Chair
At-Large, Wilbur Quirk
Recreation, vacant
Housing Auth, vacant
Selectman Liaison, Nick Pucel

CONSERVATION COMMISSION/DEPARTMENT

The Belchertown Conservation Department has multiple mandates: implement the Wetlands Protection Act & Belchertown Wetlands Bylaw through the Conservation Commission; acquire, preserve & manage open space lands; and implement the Stormwater Management Program. The Department has met these obligations, and exceeded them, in a variety of creative and effective ways.

Department staff provided technical expertise and coordinated the production of 17 public hearings and meetings held by the Conservation Commission; coordinating, evaluating, and issuing decisions for 12 Requests for Determination; 8 Notices of Intent; 31 Certificates of Compliance; and 2 Extension Permits. The Department issued 6 Emergency Certificates for the protection of public health and safety. Additionally,

the Department issued and pursued compliance with 9 Enforcement Orders. Department staff also reviewed and commented on all septic system installation permits, site plan reviews, subdivision applications, ANR plans, and Chapter 61, 61A and 61B withdrawal requests, as well as all forest cutting plans, over 65 items. Department staff have conducted well over 300 site visits combined to monitor ongoing projects and enforcement issues.

The Department, through the Conservation Administrator, has been continuing to prioritize the acquisition and management of Town open space lands. Over this calendar year, the Conservation Department, through its Administrator, has brought in nearly $500,000 in grants and is on track to continue that trend in 2023. These grants will help preserve and improve natural areas around town and make them more accessible for everyone to enjoy. The Department has worked to preserve new lands, improve the town's existing conservation areas through a variety of projects, and promote long-term goals through extensive grant awards:

The Town received an MVP Action Grant for $450,025 for Restoration of the Scarborough Brook Headwaters for Climate Resilience in FY 2021, which was extended into FY 2022. This project has 3 primary components, including: the acquisition of conservation lands at the headwaters of the Scarborough Brook watershed; assessing the feasibility assessment for removal of the Lower Scarborough Reservoir Dam and Upper Scarborough Reservoir Dam along Scarborough Brook in the SCBA; and the preliminary design for replacement of the uppermost 2 culverts along Scarborough Brook. This project also includes the acquisition of three (3) parcels of land totaling approximately 40-acres in the Scarborough brook watershed; we anticipate the successful completion of this project in 2023. The Town received an additional MVP Action Grant for $139,500 in 2022 for FY 2023 to build on the FY 2022 Action Grant to restore the Scarborough brook Headwaters for Climate Resilience. The second phase of the project has four (4) primary components, including: Refining the conceptual design and additional data collection for removal of the Lower Scarborough Dam and realignment of the Scarborough Brook channel leading from the existing dam spillway to the N. Gulf Road culvert; the development of 75% design and permit the replacement crossing at Gulf Road, designed to meet MA Stream Crossing Standards, with spans of 1.2x bankfull width and built-in terrestrial passage; to conduct further investigation of hydrologic impacts associated with potential removal of the Upper Scarborough Dam impoundment and design for the removal of the Upper Scarborough Dam to maintain appropriate hydrology across the site; and, to engage the community and stakeholders who utilize Scarborough Brook Conservation Area to re-envision the space and its future wildlife and recreation uses once the dams are removed.

The Town was also awarded a $150,000 DER Culvert Replacement Grant for the second phase of the Warren Wright Road culvert replacement project which will fund final engineering, design, and permitting of the culvert replacement. The Department will collaborate with the DPW to permit the culvert replacement in 2023.
The Department also worked on several open space and recreation projects to provide recreational opportunities to the public. The Commission partnered with the Recreation Department for design and permitting of a disc golf course at the Ron Constantino Field. The Recreation Department organized the first volunteer work day in October 2022 which consisted of preliminary brush removal for the disc golf course. Additional volunteer work days are planned to occur in 2023.

The Department continues to implement its internship program by coordinating with local schools to develop listings and funding sources. Opportunities for the 2023 summer season internship program will be posted in spring of 2023.

One beaver dam failed on Gulf Road in 2022. The Conservation Administrator investigated the causes (both natural and human-made) and provided technical guidance throughout the restoration process. Additionally, the Conservation Department continues to work with other Town departments for the Belchertown State School redevelopment project.

Water quality sampling and monitoring for the protection of ecosystem and public health continued at Lake Holland, Lake Arcadia, and Lake Metacomet in 2022. The monitoring and sampling program revealed water quality issues at Lake Metacomet, specifically pertaining to high levels of E. coli bacteria which can result from a combination of climatic and watershed-based factors including climate change, drought conditions, pollutants from stormwater runoff, and the proximity of leach fields for septic systems, among many others. High levels of E. coli were detected in Lake Metacomet in June and July which resulted in a closure of the lake and public beach until water quality testing documented that the bacteria levels were low enough for primary and secondary human contact. E. coli levels were determined to be within a safe range for human contact within a week following the detection of the high bacteria levels, and the lake was reopened. Additionally, filamentous algae cyanobacteria blooms were observed in Lake Metacomet in mid-July of 2022. Although unsightly, filamentous algae is not harmful to human health, but when cyanobacteria degrade, they may release algal toxins that can be harmful to aquatic and human life. Although there are relatively few documented cases of severe human health effects, exposure to cyanobacteria or their toxins may produce allergic reactions such as skin rashes, eye irritations, respiratory symptoms, and in some cases gastroenteritis, liver and kidney failure or death. The most likely pathway to exposure for humans is through accidental ingestion or inhalation during recreational activities in the waterbody. Approximately a week after the cyanobacteria bloom was observed, water quality testing determined that the cyanobacteria levels were below Mass Department of Public Health limits for recreational waters, but state requirements dictated that two (2) additional tests were conducted a week a part to confirm that the levels continued to be below the required limits. Upon conducting these tests, the cyanobacteria advisory was lifted and Lake Metacomet was reopened. The Conservation Department, Conservation Commission, Belchertown Lakes Committee, Tri-Lakes Association, DPW, and the Selectboard are currently working together to address the annual and long-range management strategies needed to meet water quality standards and other agreed-upon goals for these lakes.

The Town welcomed Sarah Fortune as the new Stormwater Coordinator for the Department in 2022. The Stormwater Coordinator has allowed for the expansion of the Department's services. Specifically, the Stormwater Coordinator has spearheaded the implementation of GIS town-wide, including coordinating the purchase of GIS software and staff training.

The Conservation Commission is the regulatory Stormwater Authority for the Town, and through the work of the Stormwater Coordinator, is responsible for the permitting process for Belchertown's Stormwater Management Bylaw and Regulations, as well as any associated compliance and enforcement actions. These regulations serve to protect wells, watersheds and public health by establishing requirements and procedures to control the adverse impacts of stormwater runoff from construction. Thirty-four stormwater (34) management permit applications were submitted for review in 2022. Regular construction-period inspections have continued into 2022, with approximately 130 site visits performed solely for stormwater management permits. The stormwater coordinator educated developers', builders', & engineers' about green infrastructure and stormwater management; resulting in significant improvements in design and construction of stormwater best management practices. This education also resulted in additional use of low impact design, green infrastructure techniques, and creative stormwater management design.

The Stormwater Coordinator, in conjunction with the Department of Public Works, has been working to achieve compliance with the Town's MS4 permit. This has been achieved through collaboration during the permitting process; increased housekeeping practices like street sweeping and cleaning of catchment basins, shared participation in the Connecticut River Stormwater Coalition, a region-wide association of other Pioneer Valley towns to achieve public outreach requirements, and assisting in identifying and developing grant proposals to help to meet MS4 requirements. No illicit discharges were detected in 2022; this is an improvement from 2021, in which the DPW and Conservation department also detected and eliminated illicit discharge of fecal material to catch basins and public water supplies. In order to financially support the requirements of the MS4 permit, a Stormwater Utility was approved through Town Meeting in 2019. In fiscal year 2022, 7 abatement requests were processed and 6 were approved; this is a significant reduction from fiscal year 2021 in which

70 abatements were filed; 37 were approved.

The Select Board appointed Kate Kelley and Steve Garabedian as Conservation Commissioners, and Sabrina Moreau and Nate Marean as Associate Conservation Commissioner. The Department is looking forward to new projects for the year 2023 and feels confident that the environment is favorable within the local community to protect and maintain valuable resource areas and open space within the Town. Collaborative efforts by Town departments, Land Trusts, State agencies, private individuals and private landowners only strengthen the chances for successful open space protection within the community.

Erica Larner, the Conservation Administrator, who began working for the Town in 2018, resigned her position in 2022. The Conservation Commission would like to thank Ms. Larner for her knowledge and expertise during years of service to the town, and wishes her the best of luck with her future endeavors. The Conservation Administrator position will be filled in 2023.

Respectfully submitted;

Sarah Fortune, Stormwater Coordinator
Stephanie Sansoucy, Conservation Secretary

2022 Conservation Commission Members

Edward Knight, Chairman
Steve Garabedian, Commissioner
Douglas Beach, Commissioner
Kate Kelley, Commissioner
Nate Marean, Associate Commissioner
David Haines, Vice-Chairman
David Lamb, Commissioner
Matt DiBona, Commissioner
Sabrina Moreau, Associate Commissioner

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Belchertown Council on Aging (BCOA) is committed to enhancing the lives of older adults, age 60 and over through services, programs and activities that educate, assist and advocate on their behalf.

The Council on Aging remains focused on the goal of meeting the needs of Belchertown's older citizens and continues to collaborate with various local agencies to provide information and referrals to Belchertown's growing senior population.

The Council on Aging continues to supplement the town budget with alternate funding. The Formula Grant, Federal Title IIIC, Title IIIB, as well as funding from the Older Americans Act through the

Massachusetts Office of Elder Affairs and the Administration for Community Living all support the BCOA budget. In addition, supplemental funding is received through Belchertown Cultural Council grants. This Council is a local agency supported by the MA Cultural Council, a state agency.

Identifying and meeting the health needs of Belchertown's elder community continues to be a priority. On site foot care provided by a registered foot care nurse and monthly blood pressure screenings conducted by Belchertown's public health nurse are ways of fulfilling this goal. Tai Chi, Healthy Bones and Balance, and Yoga classes are offered through the Council on Aging weekly. In 2022, the Center offered presentations on healthy eating from WestMass ElderCare, a monthly visit from a registered dietitian and an onsite flu clinic and COVID-19 vaccination clinic.

Meeting the nutritional needs of Belchertown's senior community is accomplished through the daily Senior Lunch Program, Meals on Wheels program and the monthly Brown Bag Program. There are also daily donations of bread available to all those who visit the Senior Center. During the summer the Senior Center delivers bags of fresh produce to seniors, compliments of WestMass ElderCare. The Center continues to partner with the Amherst Survival Center to bring a Mobile Food Pantry to the Center. Each month bags of groceries are delivery to the Senior Center for those who have previously registered for pick up. This program runs off of donations and therefore, no cost to the resident. A whole food plant based educational workshop is held monthly at the Center complete with examples of vegan offerings.

Recognizing the need for a strong social network, the Council on Aging has weekly card games, craft classes, Wii Bowling, a quilting group, a veterans' group as well as monthly movies. The Center hosted many educational seminars in 2022 such as "Is Keto Good or Bad", Embody Your Elegant Design" and "Laugh For the Health of it". Multiple musical performances were held during 2022 before and after the lunch program to help combat the winter blues, keep out of the heat in the summer and to kick off the holiday season. In our continuing effort to be sure all community members feel welcome, we have created an LGBTQIA+ social group. This group is a social coffee hour open to all and has been well attended thus far.

One of the most valuable services that the Senior Center has to offer the senior population of Belchertown is its transportation program. Fortunately, our older community members are provided an exact pick up time, compared to a 2 hour window given by transportation companies. This helpful option can be offered because the program is operated using BCOA's own vehicles. The Center also runs a grant funded Medical Transportation Program which enables our seniors to travel outside of Belchertown for medical appointment. A companion picks up the individual at home, drives him or her to the appointment, waits for it to be completed, and then drives the client back home. A companion available to offer transportation and moral support throughout the appointment process really puts the client's mind at ease.

The Social Services/Outreach Department is available to all residents of Belchertown. Whether a resident needs a personal referral, one for a family member, or is seeking help with federal and state benefit applications, the Social Services staff can help. The Senior Center is fortunate that both the Coordinator and Assistant are S.H.I.N.E (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) counselors. They are trained and certified by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs and are knowledgeable in many health insurance plans, including Medicare Part A, Part B, and Part D; Medigap insurance, Medicare HMOs, retiree insurance plans, prescription drug programs, Medicaid, Medicare assistance programs and other programs for people with limited resources. Our staff is able to make home visits any time during the year, accept office appointments, walk-ins and provide phone consults to Belchertown residents. This is especially helpful during the Medicare Open Enrollment period each year.

The Council on Aging's monthly newsletter is mailed to Belchertown and out of town residents. It can also be viewed online or subscribed to and received via email. The Newsletter informs readers of the planned events, classes, meals and the diverse activities that the Center is offering.

The Council on Aging Executive Board of Directors, comprised of 7 dedicated volunteers, lends support to the Council on Aging staff. The Council on Aging Board members are:

John Belding-Chair
Colleen Duroshea-Vice Chair
Libby Overly-Secretary
James Dowling
Robert Farrington
Diane Plante
Karin Camihort- *Associate Member*

The volunteers of the Council on Aging continue to be its most valuable asset. This dedicated group can be found helping in the kitchen, teaching classes or putting together the Brown Bags. In total they donated over 4900 hours of free time to the Belchertown Senior Center in 2022.

The Belchertown Senior Citizens' Center Association, Inc., under the direction of President Patty Kleeburg sponsored numerous events to aid in the social wellbeing of the Belchertown residents. The fund raising efforts and financial support provided to the Senior Center by this group directly impacts the available programing, activities and events.

The Council on Aging provides many essential services to Belchertown residents. Each and every contact is registered as a unit of service and recorded for state and local funding purposes. Listed below is a sample of the key services provided from January 2022-November 2022.

Activities & Educational Programs:	**3441**	**Health and Wellness Clinics:**	**3127**
Meals Served:	**3095**	**Home Delivered Meals:**	**20,790**
Brown Bag/Mobile Food Pantry:	**956**	**Transportation Services:**	**1267**
Outreach and SHINE Programs: (Jan- Oct)	**810**		

The hardworking staff at the Council on Aging remains dedicated in their mission to provide excellent service to the senior population.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Langlois
Executive Director

CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Belchertown Cultural Council ("BCC"), a local agency funded in part by Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, manages the Local Cultural Council Grants ("LCC Grants") program for Belchertown and organizes cultural programming for our community.

LCC Grants
BCC's state allocation from the Mass Cultural Council for FY22 was $10,300, a 13% increase over FY21. We received 31 applications totaling $25,539 and awarded grants totaling $16,624, reserving $2,000 to support the musical guests for our Food Truck Friday series ($16,624 includes $10,300 state allocation plus rollover from prior year(s) unused funds).

The following programs were funded:

Applicant	Project Title	Grant Amount
Rondae Drafts	Hip Hop Dance Chair Exercise for Seniors	$380
Linda Racicot	Drive In Movie Night	$400
David Neill	Monday Night Concerts in Belchertown	$1,500
Steven Opalenik	Ampersand Publishing	$1,000
Henry Lappen	Henry the Juggler Performance	$450
Katie Koerten	Nightwings: A Bat Storytelling Program for Children and Families	$325
Julie A. Stepanek	Learn Ukulele with Julie (a four part series)	$848
Sarah Madison	QAA Evening Education Series	$500
Katharine Blanchard	The Nest: A Literary and Visual Arts Magazine	$650
April Jasak-Bangs	Community Mural	$1,000
Melissa Hurst	Community Band Concerts	$1,315
Janice Murphy	Side by Side with The Valley Winds	$500
Julie A. Stepanek	Music and Movement for Young Children	$656
Sandra Pearl	Engineering Fun at the Clapp Memorial Library	$515
Julia Petersen	Making Space for the Fiber-Curious	$620
Jay B. Mankita	Maker Space Build-Along: Stick-eometry	$900
Bryan Maroney	QVDG Grand Opening Festival	$1,000
Rich Plasse	Name That TV Theme	$440
Cat Milo Keatinge Bezark	The Fairy Festival	$625
Sean French-Byrne	Emerging Playwrights Festival	$1,000
BCC	BCC Food Truck Friday allocation	$2,000

Local Programming

Food Truck Fridays

Food Truck Fridays returned to the common over the summer of 2022. The beloved event on the third Friday of June, July, and August drew some of our largest crowds yet! Local bands provided entertainment for all ages. In addition to music, we also had a magician, an award winning yo-yo team and giant bubbles!

Winter Light Night

To commemorate Small Business Saturday and the start of the holiday season, Winter Light Night is a time to "light up" the community and make our town common sparkle. The day's activities included an Artisan Fair in Old Town Hall, s'mores, luminaria-making, hot chocolate, maple cotton candy, ornament making, horse-drawn wagon rides and more. Quabbin Art Association, 4-H, FD, PD, Clay Mates, Dunkin and area churches contributed activities and resources to the event. It was a wonderful celebration of community culture and supported our local artisans and businesses.

Development

BCC's local business partners donated approximately $6,000 in cash sponsorships, plus numerous in-kind donations. Combined with our $4,500 Town Meeting appropriation this allowed us to fund the operations of our flagship events, plus invest in branding and marketing for each event.

The Belchertown Cultural Council has quickly established itself as a cornerstone of community programming, and we look forward to continued growth. There are many ways we could increase our impact and we welcome input and contributions from the community. This year we will be conducting our community input survey to ensure the programming we offer is in line with what our town desires.

We are grateful for our volunteers, community partners, and local business partners, and everyone who participates in BCC programs throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey Anderson, Chair	Molly Robinson, Secretary
Trista Hevey, Treasurer	Jennifer Whitehead
Candace Clement	Melanie Donovan
Heidi Brunell	Kyle Toelken

ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Public Outreach and Education Subcommittee:
Updated the web page to provide information about the Belchertown Community Energy Choice electricity supply program in development by the Town of Belchertown. Four articles and a press release were published in the Sentinel. A flyer, "Hints for the Holidays," was distributed to the Clapp Library, Town Hall and the Senior Center.

Electric Vehicle Charging Subcommittee:
Discussed EV Charging opportunities with EDIC for new developments at the State School site, including grants that may be available. Evaluated four candidate sites for an EV charging station installation and ultimately chose the Library and Town Hall parking lot, based on survey results from potential users and relative ease of installation. Evaluated candidate hardware and software providers and installers for 2 dual head Level 2 chargers, recommending a best candidate based on in-depth evaluation criteria to the Select Board, who subsequently approved the recommendation to seek grants to fund the effort.

Belchertown Green Grid Subcommittee:
Preparations were done to choose and hire an Energy consultant / broker for the municipal aggregation program, including a presentation to Select Board and Committee and Select Board executive sessions to interview selected candidates. From that Good Energy, LP was chosen by the Select Board with Patrick Roache as the main contact from Good Energy. A core task force was formed to develop the aggregation plan comprised of members Jim Barry, Selectboard; Steve Williams, Director DPW; Chris Bambacus, appointed town resident; Frank Byrne and John Piekara, BESC; and Patrick Roche of Good Energy. Due to Mass. DPU requirements, the name of the program was changed from Belchertown Green Grid to Belchertown Community Energy Choice. The task force along with Good Energy developed the plan and communications for a month-long public review period followed by a public hearing, The Select Board approved the plan to submit to the DPU. Good Energy filed the plan with the DPU in December, docketed as DPU 22-158. An initial hearing with the Mass DPU is tentatively scheduled for February 7, 2023.

FAIR AND PARADE COMMITTEE

Belchertown celebrated its 163rd annual fair and parade. This year's theme was "Flock to the Fair." Exhibitors and town organizations came up with great ideas. Amusement rides were provided by Fiesta Shows. Due to the cool weather, people dressed warm and came to the fair.

Saturday's parade stepped off with a police escort with Belchertown's own new Police Chief Kevin Pacunas. Chicopee Comp ROTC Color Guard led professional units as well as amateur units. Kids' tractor pulls, social tent, 4-H tent, poultry show, horse and oxen pulls, and the Exhibit Hall are just a few of the events that occurred. Everywhere we looked there were smiles, people catching up, and enjoying time together after our two years away.

Awards:

Gary Whitlock Best Presentation of Theme Decorated Booth

- Youth Booth Winner: Girl Scouts

Giant Pumpkin Contest

- 1st Place Giant Pumpkin- No Pumpkins

Parade Awards:

Judge's Award- Best Presentation of Theme: Belchertown FootLoose

Kevin Brown Founders Award-Celebrating Creativity, Agriculture or Community Spirit: Austin Brothers Valley

Floats

- 1st: Belchertown Clapp Memorial Library
- 2nd: Austin Ridge Acres
- 3rd: Complete Septic Services

Bands

- 1st: Belchertown High School
- 2nd: Jabish Brook Middle School

Marching Units (Amateur)

- 1st: Cub Scouts Packs 57 and 507
- 2nd: Harmony Dog Trainers
- 3rd:Girl Scouts and Brownies

Marching Units (Professional)

- 1st: Belchertown Fire Fighters
- 2nd: Hampshire County Sheriff's Department
- 3rd: Chicopee Comp ROTC Color Guard

Antique Cars

- 1st: Tom Stockton
- 2nd: Mark Belanger
- 3rd: Roy Balthazard

Antique Tractors

- 1st: Basil Trombly
- 2nd: Brian Mosio
- 3rd: James Beachell

Antique Trucks

- 1st: Rick Guerdon
- 2nd: Chris Lenox

Antique Apparatus

- 1st: Hose Trailer
- 2nd: Open Air Cab Engine

Exhibit Hall Awards:

Exhibit Hall Grand Champion: Erika Hamilton

Andy Michaud Apple Pie Contest

- Youth: Loralie Backus Adult: Crystal Szarlan

Judy Bettencourt Award: Avigail Heroux
Glen Butler Award: Lloyd Butler, Sr
Hubert and Jennie Greene Award: Kim Mongeau
Bob Wilson Award: Bob Wilson
Fair Cake:

- Youth: Lunamarie Lee
- Adult: Audrey Lavigne

Preston Atwood Award: Michele Meder
E.C. Howard and Son Award: Michael Vinsh
Les Campbell Award: Christina Renaud

Scarecrow

- Youth: Teddy Nadeau Adult: Holly Rainaud

Elsie Waskiewicz Award: Audrey Lavigne

Best Agricultural Display People's Choice:

- Youth: Abigail Heroux Adult: Erica Hamilton

Kevin "KB" Brown Award: Wendy McDonald

MAFA Agricultural Photography:

- Youth: May Adams Adult: Carolynne LaPointe

Oxen Pulls

2400 and Under

- 1st: John Andrews with Silver & Mayo - 6,500 lbs
- 2nd: Dwayne Hines with Otis & Aerie
- 3rd: Colby Haskell with Bud & Dude

2800 and Under

- 1st: John Andrews with Toby & Silver - 8,500 lbs
- 2nd: Curby Haskell with Turbo & Stubby
- 3rd: Harlan Bean with Boomer & Gus

3200 and Under

- 1st: Rob Beaholic with Moose & Pete - 10,000lbs
- 2nd: Ryan Gabon with Gold & Silver
- 3rd: Dan Clark with Rocket & Ron

Free for All Class – Over 3200

- 1st: Colby Haskell with Wind & Chill - 9,000lbs
- 2nd: John Andrews with Hoss & Sweet

Free for All Class – Over 3200

- Skills Demonstrated by: Owen Lauremz

Horse Pulls

Teamster Award in Memory of Joseph F. Austin: Brad Hurlburt

Teamster Award in Memory of Joseph Austin: Sarah Beth Morgan

3300 and Under

- 1st: Brad Hurlburt & Son with Tim & Boy - 10,000lbs
- 2nd:Brad Hurlburt & Son with Louie & GAter
- 3rd: Kolosky & Morgan with Red & Jasper

3300 and Over

- 1st: Al Bossieou with Snickers & Mat - 9,000lbs
- 2nd: Kolosky & Morgan with T-Rex

Frog Jumping Contest

Youth:
- 1st: Emma Wade with Froggy - 91"
- 2nd: Skye Sturgeon with Hopper - 75.5"
- 3rd: Keagen Szczepanek - 74"

Adult:
- 1st: David Lafleur - 67"
- 2nd: Mike Ferguson - 59"
- 3rd: Nick Southwick Hall

Poultry Show

Youth:
- Best in Show: Ollie Eyler Pelletier
- Best Standard: Olive Garrow
- Reserve Standard: Loralie Backus
- Best Waterfowl: Lunamarie Lee
- Best Turkey: Lunamarie Lee
- Best Bantam: Ollie Eyler Pelletier
- Reserve Bantam: Lana Krot

Adult:
- Best in Show: Sandy Brougham
- Best Bantam: Sandy Brougham
- Reserve Bantam: Sandy Brougham

Showmanship

Pre-Cloverbud: 1st: Claire Austin
Cloverbud: 1st: Adelyn Liptack
Novice: 1st: James Cote 2nd:Lea Avenzie 3rd: Maeve Fitzgerald
Junior: 1st: Sophia Zenon 2nd: Kyle Liptak 3rd: Mason Shattuck
Intermediate: Gianna Zenon
Senior: Lana Krol

The Committee would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, Police and Fire Departments, EMS, Department of Public Works, Belchertown Water Department, and the Town Hall and its Administration for all of their help.

Many hours are spent planning the parade and fair. Thank you to all of our volunteers and sponsors; their help is never forgotten. Without the efforts of the Fair Committee and all of the people who donate their time, this event would not happen. Many thanks to Graham Brown, our website designer, for all of his time and effort. To the Friends of the Fair's Becky Newsome and Mona Griffen: great job!

We are all looking forward to this next year's fair.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Nute, Chairman
Belchertown Fair and Parade

FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT/ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Belchertown Fire-Rescue Department is the combination of the town's dedicated firefighting and emergency medical services personnel. Our commitment towards life safety and property protection is our primary goal. These department services are fulfilled through the efforts of eighteen full-time and twenty-two call firefighter members. We are constantly striving to improve our service levels, upgrade our equipment, and ensure the highest standards of training within the department. We would like to thank the Belchertown community for their continued support.

Throughout the year, Belchertown Fire-Rescue performs ongoing and continuous emergency management plan evaluations and trainings working in part with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Association (MEMA). Utilizing this agency, we ensure our resources are current, available and that all personnel have been properly trained on our equipment and emergency plans. This past year our department was fortunate to be joined together with MEMA during the annual September town fair to establish and activate a safety plan for the fair for its duration. Collaborating with MEMA for the fair's duration proved to be a valuable exercise in defining and safeguarding community safety needs.

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security and the Department of Fire Services awarded the Belchertown Fire Department funding for the Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant, for fiscal year 2023, in the amount of $16,076.29. This grant program allows our fire department to replace equipment that is unusable or unrepairable and acquire new equipment. Specifically, it also allows us to increase supplies for new hires and personnel without equipment.

Department staff performed Student Awareness of Fire Education (SAFE) community outreach programs at Everett Acres and Christopher Heights to emphasize and educate the importance of fire safety. We addressed safety skills specific to fall prevention, cooking, and household fire prevention. We were fortunate to receive a second donation of a Doty belt (an assistive device for use when moving a patient) from our neighbors at the Christopher Heights Assisted Living Community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Captain Patrick "Mike" McMorrow and Michael Neiford for 20 and 14 years respectively of dedicated and committed service to the town as fire department call firefighters. We wish them best of luck with their future careers and endeavors.

Respectfully submitted,

John S. Ingram
Fire Chief

Types of Fire and EMS Incidents Responded to by the Department:

This past year wildland fires, carbon-monoxide alarms, hazardous spills, faulty appliances, sounding alarms, life safety inspections, investigations, mutual aid, and ambulance responses accounted for our departments 2,354 combined Fire and EMS incident calls. Ambulance calls accounted for 1,903 of the total 2,354 call volume. There were 420 total fire Incidents for 2022. Throughout the year there were 170 times when Belchertown Fire-Rescue needed to call upon mutual aid ambulances to respond to medicals in town. These incidents are not included in the 1,903 ambulances calls the department handled however Belchertown first responders were sent to these incidents whenever possible.

Our call volume continues to rise annually for both EMS and fire-related responses. To address this increase we require additional Fire/EMS personnel to meet the needs of the residents and the community. Fortunately, the department recently received a Federal Grant through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to fund an additional 6 full-time firefighting/EMS personnel under a

specific 3-year grant program to help ease this staffing burden and ensure the continuity of response to all incidents.

Inspections and Permits for Year 2022

Open Burning 1322
Oil Burner 38
Propane Tanks 77
Underground Propane Tank 8
Tank Truck 5
Food Truck 5
Life Safety Inspection 39
Liquor License Inspection 4
Smoke Detector Inspections (26F) 269
Oil Tank 18
Underground Tank Removal 8
School Fire Drill 8
Oil Burner 38
Alarm System Test 6
Home Safety Inspection 2
Alarm System Test 6

BOARD OF HEALTH
AND
QUABBIN HEALTH DISTRICT

Background:

The Belchertown Board of Health staffs one stipend Animal Inspector; Thomas Flebotte and through the Quabbin Health District is able to provide one full time Director of Public Health, Andrea Crete who was hired on May 16, 2022 replacing Stephen Bell who resigned on March 25, 2022; one part time Senior Clerk, Mary-Jo Grenier who staffs the Belchertown Board of Health office Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 9AM – 2PM; a full time Health Inspector Sai Palani; and a part time Public Health Nurse Kirsten Krieger who was hired on July 5, 2022.

The Board of Health meets the second Wednesday of every month at 6:30PM in the Selectmen's Meeting Room located in the Town Hall on 2 Jabish Street.

The Quabbin Health District is a comprehensive regional health department serving the communities of Belchertown, Pelham, and Ware. The district was established in 1980 by a Town meeting vote and was formed under the Section 27A of Chapter 111 of the MGL. It is a joint effort by the three communities' local boards of health to provide their towns with the public health professionals and services needed to create healthy communities. The District provides public health services for the roughly 26,267 residents within these communities' 120 square mile radius. The district provides each town with the shared personnel, equipment, and other resources to carry out the required public health duties.

The Quabbin Health District provides services to Belchertown including but not limited to communicable and reportable disease surveillance via an online epidemiological network (MAVEN), public health investigations, public health messaging, 24-7 public health emergency response, seasonal flu vaccination clinics, tobacco control, substance abuse prevention programs, and State mandated public health inspections and complaint management. You can visit the Quabbin Health District website for more information on services at http://quabbinhealthdistrict.com

The report below details the services the Quabbin Health District provided to the Town of Belchertown for the 2022 calendar year. Please contact the Board of Health by phone at 413-323-0406 or email mgrenier@belchertown.org with any questions, comments, requests for additional information, and to relay any specific public health concerns in Belchertown.

The following is a list of the various permits and licenses issued by the Board of Health office in 2022:

Private Drinking Well Permits:	36 (30 New Construction, 4 Replacements, 1 Irrigation, 1 closed loop)
Septic Permits:	84 (33 New Construction, 51 Repairs)
Perc Test Applications:	68 (39 New Construction, 29 Repairs)

Bakery:	3	Mobil Food Truck Permits:	15
		Mobil Home License:	1
Body Artist Establishment:	0	Outdoor Wood-fired Boiler:	0
Body Artist:	0	Piggery License:	1
		Public Beach Permit:	1
Catering:	0	Public Pool Permit:	1
Day Camp Permit:	0	Public Spa Permit:	0
		Residential Kitchen Permits:	5
Ecology Can Permits:	1	Retail Food Permits:	12
Food Establishment Permits:	31	Septic Hauler's Permits:	14
Frozen Dessert License:	2	Septic Installer's Permits:	25
Funeral Director License:	1	Tanning Unit Permits:	1
Housing Inspection Voucher:	0	Temporary Food Permits:	18
Limited Bottling Permit on-site Cider:	1	Tobacco Retail Permits:	12
Limited Type II Food Est.:	8	Food/Retail Review:	1
Milk & Cream Licenses:	40		

ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORT

The following table lists inspectional services provided 2022

	Belchertown
PercTest / Deepholes and Soil Evaluations	68 39 new 29 repairs
Septic Application Review (New Construction)	**33**
Septic Application Review (Repair)	**51**
Septic Installation Inspections and Re-inspections	**61**
Well Application Review	**36**

Housing Inspections (upon complaint) **And Re-inspections**	**27**
Lead Paint Inspections	**0**
Condemnations (#of units)	**1**
Voucher Housing Inspections	**0**
Housing Court Appearances	**0**
Food Service Inspections **(routine and complaint)** **Including School Cafeterias**	**71**
New or Remodeled Food Plan review	**2**
Mobile/Temporary Food Inspections	**32**
Beaver Permits Applications	**4**
Nuisance Complaints Received and Investigated and Orders issued as warranted	**6**
Tanning Bed Licensure	**2**
Children Recreational Camp **Inspections and Licensing**	**0**
Tattoo/ Body Art Establishments	**0**
Public Pool and Sauna Inspections **Public Beaches**	**5**
Meetings/ Hearings	**13**

Emergency Preparedness:

In 2022 the Quabbin Health District joined the Hampshire Public Health Preparedness Coalition. The HPHPC works collaboratively to enhance communities' collective capacity to share resources and respond to public health threats and emergencies, including terrorism and outbreaks of infectious diseases. It strives to improve local and regional public health emergency preparedness, and meet deliverables set forth by the Department of Public Health.

HPHPC includes Boards of Health and Health Departments in the Massachusetts Preparedness Coalition Region 1C. Funding is provided through the Massachusetts Department of Public Health with a grant from the Centers for Disease Control. Coalition activities and expenditures are overseen by an executive committee which includes members who represent the broad geographic diversity of the region. Ex-officio members include representatives from Cooley Dickinson Hospital and UMass Amherst. The HPHPC grant is managed by the Northampton Health Department as the Host Agency. The Coalition is closely aligned with other regional response partners including Hampshire Regional Emergency Planning Committee (HREPC), Western Regional Advisory Group (WAG), Western MA Medical Reserve Corps Advisory Group (MAG) and the Pandemic Flu Committee of the Western Regional Homeland Security Advisory Council (WRHSAC).

Member Communities in the HPHPC include Amherst, Belchertown, Chester, Chesterfield, Cummington, Easthampton, Goshen, Granby, Hadley, Hatfield, Huntington, Middlefield, Northampton, Pelham, Plainfield, South Hadley, Southampton, Ware, Westhampton, and Worthington.

Public Health Excellence Grant:

The Quabbin Health District is the grantee of the MA DPH's Public Health Excellence Grant (PHE) which allows the District to provide a part time Public Health Nurse and the services provided through public health nursing which is summarized in this report under "Public Health Nursing Report," a tablet based inspectional software program called Win Wam which allows all food inspection reports to now be done electronically. The Win Wam system stores the inspection reports and can generate data gathered using the reports to show where there are gaps in compliance with the Food Code that may need to be addressed in food establishments and what trainings may need to be provided in order to increase compliance and reduce food borne illness risk factors. Inspection reports will be published starting in 2023 on the Quabbin Health District website for public access and review.

Cyanobacteria Bloom Response:

In July Lake Metacomet experienced a harmful cyanobacteria algae bloom. The Quabbin Health District, working with the Town's Conservation Agent Erica Larner responded to the bloom posted an advisory at the boat ramp and entrance to Lake Metacomet in response to the harmful bloom. A cyanobacteria bloom is generally identified based solely on visual evidence. Samples can be collected and tested if funding allows.

The purpose of the advisory is to alert the public to the presence of the algal bloom and to provide ways to prevent exposure. In order to rescind an advisory sampling should be done once there is no longer any visual evidence of the algal bloom. Two rounds of sampling, one week apart, with results from both rounds of sampling falling below the guideline levels of cyanobacteria and toxin.

It is important to remember that when an advisory is posted regarding a harmful algal bloom, to not swim in the water, swallow or drink the water, keep animals away from the water including dogs, and if you have any contact with the water to rinse off immediately.

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Rabies is a viral disease that can affect all mammals, including humans. The virus attacks the central nervous system and can be secreted in saliva. Because rabies affects people as well as animals, control of this disease has become a top priority for the Division of Animal Health. Massachusetts law requires that owners of cats and dogs vaccinate their pets for rabies.

A municipal Animal Inspector is nominated under M.G.L. c. 129 by the Board of Health and approved by the Department of Food and Agriculture's Bureau of Animal Health. Animal Inspector duties include investigating into and issuing rabies quarantine orders; investigation of animal complaints; and conducting yearly barn inspections.

A Ten Day Rabies Quarantine is the strict confinement of an apparently healthy domestic animal that has bitten or scratched a human or other domestic animal. Quarantine is the confinement of a domestic animal from humans and other animals for the purposes of observing the animal for signs of rabies and minimizing chances of the animal spreading rabies to humans and other animals. This includes isolation and strict confinement. This can be done in the owner's home. The Animal Inspector, after completing an investigation and determining that a domestic animal has bitten or scratched a human or another domestic animal, issues a written order to the person in custody of the biting animal requiring the animal to be placed under Strict Confinement for a period of ten days. The Ten-Day quarantine applies regardless of the vaccination status of the biting animal.

If during this ten-day period the animal in strict confinement displays symptoms compatible with Rabies, the animal shall be euthanized immediately, and the Animal Inspector and Department shall be notified. Samples from any such euthanized animal, or animal which dies from any cause during the quarantine period, shall be submitted for rabies testing as described in 330 CMR 10.09.

A 45 Day Rabies Quarantine is when a domestic animal has a wound of unknown origin or has been exposed to a potential rabid animal and is up to date on rabies vaccination. The Animal Inspector, upon completion of an investigation and upon determination that a domestic animal has been exposed, will issue a written order to the person in custody of the exposed animal.

Where the Exposed domestic animal is Unvaccinated the quarantine period shall be 4 months with vaccination given a month prior to release.

For additional information on rabies quarantines please visit:
http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/agr/animal-health/rabies-control-program/

Rabies Quarantines for 2022:
10 Day Quarantines: 1
45 Day Quarantines: 5
4 Month Quarantines: 1

Rabies Testing: One fox, one bat and one woodchuck, were tested at the State Laboratory for rabies. All tested negative for rabies..

Additionally, the Animal Inspector conducts yearly barn inspections filling out a Barn Book issued by the Department of Agriculture for the purpose of collecting information on where farm animals (chickens, goats, horses, alpacas, pigs, turkeys, donkeys ect) are kept, noting the number and kind of each animal, minimum standards of shelter available, observations of the health status of the animals, and any cases of potential animal abuse or neglect. 36 Barns were inspected in 2022.

Public Health Nursing Report:

The Quabbin Health District hired a new part time 30 hour a week public health nurse, Kirsten Krieger who started on July 5, 2022. Below is a summary of the work she has done in the Town of Belchertown from July 5, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

Primary Prevention

Primary prevention is the prevention of disease before it occurs and the reduction of its incidence. For this service, the PHN (public health nurse) has conducted bimonthly blood pressure and wellness clinics at the Belchertown Senior Center on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month, beginning August 8, 2022. She has also conducted monthly blood pressure and wellness clinics at Christopher Heights Assisted Living on the 1st Thursday of every month beginning September 6, 2022.

Through partnership with the Hampshire Public Health Preparedness Coalition, the PHN has been able to provide in-home vaccinations for influenza and COVID-19 to four homebound residents of Belchertown from November – December 2022.

Utilizing the Belchertown Senior Center newsletter and Sentinel newspaper, the PHN has advertised for homebound residents to contact her so that she can provide homebound residents with services if needed or in case of weather emergencies or disasters.

The PHN has done educational presentations to seniors at the Belchertown Senior Center. An Emergency Preparedness on 9/26/22 and A Safe storage and disposal of medications on 10/24/2022. Partnering with the BOAT (Belchertown Overcoming Addiction Together) she was able to provide free medication lockboxes to those in attendance.

Public Events and Outreach

The PHN setup a booth in Belchertown on the Common for Food Truck Fridays on July 15th 2022 and August 19th 2022. She presented COVID test kits to residents, brochures and information regarding preventing mosquito and tick-borne illnesses, and quitting smoking. She also set up a table at the SOAAR 5k (Speaking Out About Addiction and Recovery) on September 17th 2022 to provide education, handouts, and pamphlets regarding the neurobiology of addiction and negative effects of stigma.

Belchertown TRIAD

Beginning on September 7th, 2022, the PHN began attending and participating in Belchertown TRIAD meetings at the senior center the first Wednesday of every month. TRIADs are a cooperative agreement between The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), and the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) to ensure and work to improve the safety of older citizens in the community. It is made up of police, fire, sheriff, district attorney, older adults, council on aging personnel, protective services personnel, and representatives from civic groups including the Public Health Nurse.

The work of the group includes providing buckets of sand for use on walkways at the homes of older citizens, participating in drug take-back days in the community, providing visible, reflective house numbers to assist first responders in finding an address, providing and installing lockboxes at residences to allow first responders to enter a home in emergency situations and avoid breaking doors/windows at the property, and other safety initiatives for the older adults in the community as needed.

Emergency Preparedness and Community Safety

The PHN participated in a Tabletop Exercise at the Belchertown High School put on by the Fire Department for Emergency Preparedness training on 8/19/2022. She also joined and attended the Belchertown Healthy and Safer Schools Committee meeting on 12/6/2022.

Communicable Disease Surveillance

The PHN is also responsible for and has been conducting MAVEN (Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiologic Network) infectious disease surveillance. This requires checking in daily for notifications of infectious diseases occurring in Belchertown. It also requires doing case investigations for diseases other than Influenza or COVID-19 by contacting hospital infection preventionists if a person is hospitalized, contacting the case and/or PCP office to determine potential means of exposure, and contact tracing if applicable.

The types and numbers of communicable diseases reported in the Town of Belchertown for 2022 are listed below. They are listed by the disease/illness and the number of cases (residents suspected, probably, and confirmed to have an infectious illness/disease).

Below are the total number and type of MAVEN cases (including confirmed (C), probable (P), and suspect (S)) from 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022.

Belchertown MAVEN surveillance by disease	**Jan 2022 – December 2022 number of cases**
Calcivirus/Norovirus	2 (C)
Campylobacteriosis	1 (C), 1 (P)
Group A streptococcus	1 (C)
Haemophilus influenzae	1 (C)
Hepatitis B	3 (P)
Hepatitis C	4 (C), 2 (P)
Human Granulocytic Anaplasmosis	2 (C), 3 (S)
Influenza	139 (C), 1 (S)
Legionellosis	1 (C)
Lyme Disease	9 (P), 36 (S)
Monkeypox	1 (P)
Novel Coronavirus (SARS, MERS, etc)	1932 (C), 375 (P), 53 (S)
Salmonellosis	3 (C)
Varicella	2 (S)
Tuberculosis	11 (C), 3 (S)

Submitted by: Kirsten L Krieger RN, BSN, Public Health Nurse, Quabbin Health District

Board of Health Chair 2022 Report:

Calendar year 2022 was the third year of the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic. Obviously, its greatest impact was on those who died or suffered serious, often long-term, disease. It continued to have profound effects on every aspect of our lives, from our schools to the economy. Controversies about policies were issues in the record-setting five Belchertown elections held during 2022.

Nevertheless, the Belchertown Board of Health and the Quabbin Health District made great strides beyond their usual busy responsibilities.

After careful review and a public hearing, the Board of Health approved a major review and updates of the **Regulations for Private Wells**.

As the science and trends of the pandemic continued to change, the need to provide accurate public information became more important. The Board of Health and Quabbin Health District developed and brought online a new website **QuabbinHealthDistrict.com**, with a direct link to our web pages on **www.Belchertown.org**.

Tobacco addiction usually begins in one's teenage years. The three Quabbin Health District towns joined the **Pioneer Valley Tobacco Control Coalition (PVTC)**, which has fulltime staff working to reduce illegal, underage sales of all tobacco products.

Moreover, the tobacco industry continues to introduce new dangerous products. For the first time, the Board of Health developed proposed **Tobacco Sales Regulations**, with plans to hold a public hearing and approval vote in early 2023.

Public health in Belchertown also faced the need for changing leadership. When Health Director Stephen Bell resigned to join the private sector, retired Health Director Judy Metcalf generously offered to serve on an interim basis. Following a search, the Quabbin District and Belchertown welcomed a very qualified new Director, Andrea Crete, whose efforts allowed continuity and growth.

Submitted By Ken Elstein, Belchertown Board of Health Chariman

HISTORIC DISTRICT BY-LAW COMMISSION

At the Annual Town Meeting in May 1990, The Belchertown Center Historic District was established under Massachusetts General Law, chapter 40C, entitled "The Historic Districts Act." Under Chapter 40C of the MGL, cities and towns may establish Local Historic Districts to preserve and protect buildings and places of historic or architectural significance.

The Local Historic district provides for the review of proposed demolition, new construction or significant alterations within the boundaries of the district, in order to ensure that the proposed work is compatible and not disruptive to the visual character of the district. It does not restrict the use of buildings or land beyond that established by local zoning by-laws. Presently, there are over 200 Local Historic Districts in the Commonwealth. Although there are many significant historic properties within the town, the Historic District Bylaw Commission is responsible for the protection of those structures that are within the center historic district.

During the past year there were several applications filed for proposed work within the Historic District.

There was one "Certificate of Non-Applicability" issued in 2022.

-16 Maple Street was issued a Certificate of Non-Applicability for the repair of the rear portion of the Tremaine house for storage.

There were three "Certificates of Appropriateness" issued in 2022.

-33 Main Street was issued a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of two 2'x10' non-illuminated, wood signs and one free standing 3'x5' non-illuminated, wood sign on 2 posts.

-21 Main Street was issued a Certificate of Appropriateness for the removal of slate and cedar shakes, replaced with GAF/Slateline product on any portions of the roof visible from the road.

-18 Park Street was issued a Certificate of Appropriateness for the removal of siding on the two gabled ends of the parish house, replaced with vinyl siding that replicates the painted wood shakes that are on the two north-facing eaves of the parish house.

There was no "Certificate of Hardship" issued in 2022.

Other business conducted by the HDBLC in 2022:

-The application for Certificate of Appropriateness from 10 South Main St. started in 2021 with a continuation hearing scheduled for some time in 2022 was officially closed with no action taken. The application was to convert existing barn/garage into two apartments.

-The Historic District By-Law Commission received an application for a Certificate of Hardship from 5 North Main Street for installation of a mail box. A letter was written to the applicant explaining that this Commission has no jurisdiction on mail boxes and therefore no application was needed.

Since the first Historic District was established on Nantucket in 1955, Historic District Commissions have greatly influenced the preservation of irreplaceable resources throughout the State. We hope that this gives you renewed pride in our historic district, appreciation of the beauty of our town center and the need to preserve it for the future.

Respectfully Submitted

Denise Smith, Chair
Craig Schumacher
Susan Mahler
Jonathan Spiegel
Thomas Stockton
Sharon Burdick
Kristy Reese

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Members:
Alexander Loss, Chair
John Belding, Clerk
Angela Bergeron-Alexander
Susan L. Tyler
Patrick Bierly, Deputy Chair
Jill Bierly, Deputy Clerk
Robert Lewis

We have restructured the Commission by adding deputy chairman, and assistant clerk to our list of officers. We have changed our meeting time to 7:00 PM on the fourth Tuesday of the month. We have

added two new members to our Commission completing our full complement of seven voting members. We encourage others to join us as non-voting auxiliary members.

The Commission continues to work on research on an individual basis, compiling information, and presenting said information to the Commission for in-depth analysis and discussion. After due process the Commission makes recommendations as needed.

In today's social environment the veracity of history is often threatened. The Commission, therefore, attempts to base their findings on artifacts and prima facie historical evidence whenever possible.

Commission member Bruce Klockers passed away in August. Bruce was a good friend and a highly regarded long time member of the Commission. He had been on the staff at the Belchertown State School. Many years ago, infants born with congenital birth defects were given to the State School, not expecting to survive. This was unacceptable for Bruce and his team. They would design and build prosthetic devices to keep these babies alive. In many cases these children continued to grow and thrive, thanks to the efforts of Bruce and his team. Bruce was truly one of our unsung heroes. Thank you, Bruce. Rest in peace.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Human Resources is a newly created department that began in June 2022. The department manages all Town recruitments and hiring; provides benefits administration for all employees and retirees; ensures compliance with state and federal laws, Town personnel By-Law and collective bargaining agreements; provides labor relations; oversees employee leave management and employee engagement. A Human Resources webpage has been developed as a central location for sharing Town's job postings, providing information on benefits and collective bargaining agreements. The Town's employment application has been revised and digitized for easier submission. In 2022, the Town has recruited and filled 13 FT/PT benefited Town positions.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne L. Misiaszek, SHRM-SCP
Director of Human Resources

INSPECTION SERVICES

The Inspection Services Department issued twenty-seven (27) new construction-building permits for single-family residences. This comprised twenty-five (25) single family homes and two (2) condos.

The total number of permits for the year totaled 1662.

Paul Adzima continues to serve as the Building Inspector as well as the ADA Liaison, Weights and Measures Inspector and Zoning Enforcement Officer. Justin Larivee serves as Assistant Building Inspector.

David Fredenburgh continues to serve as primary Plumbing and Gas Inspector with Charles Lydon serving as Assistant Plumbing and Gas Inspector.

Mitch Staszko serves as primary Electrical Inspector and David Sedelow and Richard Rosazza are serving as Assistant Electrical Inspectors.

LAKES COMMITTEE

The Belchertown Lakes Committee is responsible for the protection of the public health, environment and the general welfare of the lakes within the Town. For the year 2022, the Committee has met 9 times. The Committee has been working with Tri-Lakes Association, Town Departments and residents to meet recreational, habitat, aesthetic, water quality and other agreed-upon goals for the Town's waterbodies. Belchertown can be proud of our accomplishments regarding lake stewardship efforts for all lakes over the last 10 to 20 years. Data for the Tri-Lakes area has consistently shown a continued increase in water quality and a decline in nutrient over-loading and nuisance vegetation!

During the season of 2022, the Belchertown Lake Committee has been working with AER, (Aquatic Ecosystem Research) to make recommendations for long term management for all three lakes. During the summer, AER completed a vegetative analysis of all three lakes. This information will be utilized in the 5-year management plan. In addition, Lake Metacomet experienced algal blooms which will need to be monitored closely.

The Tri-Lakes are ecologically unique assets to the local and larger populations of Massachusetts. There are recreational, ecological, and aesthetic values inherent to these Great Pond resources. Conservation through prudent management planning is the most effective way to ensure that these resources are available to residents for many years to come. Management must be based on sound scientific data. This monitoring initiative to the existing suite of management activities are necessary to track environmental stressors that threaten the Tri-Lakes system.

Three distinct stressors have historically threatened the Tri-Lakes system. First is the presence of the non-native aquatic plant species C. caroliniana and M. heterophyllum. These species can have broad ecological impacts including alteration of the ecosystem processes, diminishment of species-specific habitats, increased internal nutrient loading, and decreased aquatic macrophyte diversity. Stormwater runoff is the second stressor. Belchertown has initiated a Stormwater Bylaw, throughout the Town and this will help to reduce and regulate roadway runoff into the Tri-lakes area. The third stressor is residential development. This area is a very desirable location. Summer homes are being developed into year-round residences. This development places increase demands on limited resources. It is imperative that residential development is conducted in strict compliance with Town and State regulations.

The Lake Committee is anxious to begin new projects for the year 2023 and feels confident that the environment is favorable within the local community, to protect these valuable resource areas.

Respectfully submitted,

LeeAnne Connolly, Chairman

Kathi Smith, Clerk
John Soja
Diane Plante
Maureen Desabrais

LAMPSON BROOK FARM BOARD OF DIECTORS

The Lampson Brook Farm Board of Directors was formed in Chapter 355 of the Acts of 2020 which was signed into law on January 13, 2021. This law, sponsored by Senator Eric Lesser, creates a path for the permanent conservation and stewardship of this remarkable 430-acre farm, currently under state ownership. The farm has been under a lease to the New England Small Farm Institute since 2003. This lease ends at the end of September, 2023. The Board is created in the law initially with three members from the Town of Belchertown (Conservation and Agricultural Commissions and Economic Development and Industrial Corporation) and three members from state government (Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) and Departments of Conservation and Recreation and Agricultural) (see the Board's web site for past minutes and agendas: https://www.mass.gov/info-details/lampson-brook-farm-board-of-directors). The Board includes Robert O'Connor, Chair (EEA), David Haines (Belchertown Conservation Commission), Jonathan Spiegel (Belchertown EDIC) and Tammy Ryan (Belchertown Agricultural Commission) and Gerard Kennedy (MA Dept. of Agricultural Resources).

The Board is responsible for coordinating a management plan, a survey plan and request for responses (RFR) for the three of the five parcels that make up the 430-acre Lampson Brook Farm. The RFR's are meant to solicit proposals for future ownership and stewardship (as envisioned in the management plan) of the former dairy farm site (Enterprise Zone), the forest parcel and the community farm parcel. The law directs the historic Jepson Farmstead parcel be conveyed to the New England Small Farm Institute and the commercial farm parcel to the Department of Agricultural Resources. The management plan and survey plan process included extensive input from the Board, local community, farmers, and the public, including two public meetings. The Board approved the two plans to be sent to the state Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) which is the owner of the property for the Commonwealth. The above law requires DCAMM's approval of the management plan and survey plan. The management plan and survey plan are available on the above web site.

Since its first meeting in April, 2021, the Board has held nineteen meetings, including seven during calendar 2022. In late January, 2022, the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs hired Weston and Sampson to conduct a "21E" assessment of facilities at the Farm and an estimate of the cost of demolition and stabilization of structures at the farm. Four reports were completed by Weston and Sampson over the summer of 2022 and are available on the above web site. In 2023, the Board hopes to give final approval of the management plan and survey plan, after receiving input from DCAMM. The Board also hopes to find funding to complete the demolition/stabilization cost work outlined by Weston and Sampson. The Board also hopes that the above law will be amended so that DCAMM can support the final conveyance of the parcels to new owners under permanent conservation and/or historic preservation restrictions.

THE MCPHERSON GARDEN COMMITTEE

McPherson Garden Committee started work in May 2022 to reclaim the garden site, surrounded by a historic stone wall, at 47 State Street. This garden was behind the home of George McPherson, the first superintendent of the Belchertown State School. Volunteers have uncovered the incredible stone pathways that were part of the original garden. Work has begun to restore the stone walls.

Our goal is to return this forgotten site into a Sensory Garden for all to enjoy. In doing so, we will honor the memory of Belchertown State School residents and the workers who cared for them. The Garden will provide a setting for rest and reflection.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

During 2022, the Memorial Committee worked through the Veterans' Agent Office to provide needed DD 214s ensuring military honors were provided at the veterans' funerals. Also, DD 214s were processed or evaluated for names to be included on the various war memorials in Town.

Please contact my office at 323-0409 if you have any questions or concerns for the Memorial Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Charly N. Oliva

Charly N. Oliva, MSW
Veterans' Agent

PARKS, BEACH AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

We continue in our efforts to offer our community a range of recreational opportunities to the citizens of Belchertown. We continue to offer our summer drive-in movie nights, drive-by holiday lighting contest and our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Pickleball continues to grow in popularity, our outdoor pickleball courts located behind Jabish Brook Middle School, are constantly utilized while new courts at CHCS are being developed. Through the invaluable help of volunteers, coaches, program instructors and the dedication of our staff, many of our programs have returned and we have been able to provide basketball, baseball, softball, field hockey, soccer, twirling, yoga, tai chi, zumba, horseback riding and jujitsu, summer days & flag football to name a few. Enjoyment and safety of the participants in recreational programs will always be our number one goal.

Our Town Beach is open to the public and we welcome back many familiar faces along with new patrons. We continue to improve the beach landscape.

New lights have been installed at our community indoor pool. We offer Stingray's Swim Team, swim lessons, exercise classes, along with private rentals and public lap swim. Updates to the pool continue to be improved upon and we look forward to offering additional programs in the near future.

The Belchertown Recreation Center along with the Old Town Hall are utilized for various programming and public rental. The Center is a popular place to rent for children's birthday parties, events or meetings, while the Old Town Hall can be rented for pickup basketball as well as children's parties.

As always we greatly appreciate the tremendous amount of time that our coaches, assistant coaches and volunteers unselfishly give to the youth of this community. We acknowledge the assistance we receive from the Dept. of Public Works, Town Hall offices and the Belchertown School Department, whose commitment to the residents of the town make it possible for this department to be able to offer a variety of programming.

To learn more about what we offer and to register for programs check out our online system at www.belchertownrec.com.

PLANNING BOARD

As life resumed a more familiar pace in 2022, the Planning Board was relieved from attending to immediate relief efforts and could resume the long-term view of the town's welfare. This means working on economic development, housing, land use, and climate, and then the zoning and subdivision tools to implement policies.

Several changes were made to the zoning bylaws by town meeting in May. We added a use description for Dog Day Care, clarified a section on non-conforming structures and uses, revised the Commercial Solar Photovoltaic Installation bylaw, and amended the accessory apartment bylaw.

The planning board began a comprehensive revision of the subdivision regulations. This will be complete in 2023.

In economic development, the planning department received a state grant of $45,000 to award small grants for façade and signage improvements to seven independent local businesses.

Climate work included a Climate Resilience and Sustainability plan, and participation in a regional greenhouse gas study by the UMass Clean Energy Extension. Also, the town planner serves on the advisory board of an ad hoc MassAudubon/Harvard Forest project studying commercial solar siting.

The planning department collaborated with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission to complete a housing production plan. This plan is a state requirement to address housing costs that are prohibitive for many members of the community.

The first component of the Lake Wallace Sensory Trail was completed and celebrated with an opening ceremony in June. This trail is a fully-accessible trail with sensory elements. There are two observation platforms into the boggy section of the lake. This site has become popular enough that our state representative, Jake Oliveira, secured an earmark in the state economic development bill to help fund the next phase. We are very grateful to now-Senator Oliveira for his affirmation of the trail's value beyond it being only a walking path. It is a key part of the Carriage Grove redevelopment and provides amenities for the entire town and region.

Development Activity

Subdivision Approval Not Required (ANR): Any time someone is to change a property line, even if the same person owns the two adjoining lots, the plan must be endorsed by the planning board and then recorded at the Hampshire Registry of Deeds. If the change does not create a new building lot, or if it does create a building lot but each new lot has the required frontage on an existing public street, subdivision approval is not required. The planning board must simply endorse the plan indicating that it does not create a subdivision.

Twenty-five new building lots were created along existing town roads through ANR plans. Numerous other ANR plans submitted simply moved property lines without creating new building lots. The new building lots were created as listed:

STREET	# New Lots	STREET	#New Lots
Franklin Street	5	Magnolia Lane	1
Bardwell Street	4	Munsell Street	1
Old Enfield Road	4	North Liberty Street	1
North Washington Street	2	South Street	1
South Washington Street	2	Sycamore Circle	1
Boardman Street	1	Woodland Lane	1
Gold Street	1	**Total Lots**	**25**

The Planning Board monitored nine subdivisions under construction during 2022; one subdivision under review was withdrawn by the applicant. Monitoring includes inspections, processing performance guarantee changes, meeting with developers to discuss how to assist them in completing their work, and communicating with residents of the subdivisions.

The planning board is also actively seeking to close out existing subdivisions that have lingered. The board works with developers to create a work plan and seeks to help the developers fulfill their obligations to complete the projects.

Other Development Reviews:

The Planning Board approved one site plan. The board also granted four special permits for accessory apartments. Two earth removal special permits were extended.

Planning Projects and Recommendations

The planning board makes recommendations to town meeting on proposed revisions to the zoning bylaw. Sometimes the planning board proposes a change, in other cases, other parties request a change to the zoning bylaw or map. Any change in zoning requires an application to the Board of Selectmen, and for the planning board to hold a public hearing and make a recommendation to town meeting. The planning board does not sponsor nor support every proposed change to the zoning bylaw or map.

The Community Plan, which is the town's master plan, is being revised gradually by finding grants for the work. This past year the planning board added a new component, the Climate Resilience and Sustainability Plan. This new component is consistent with the board's emphasis on anticipating trends and needs and developing plans and policies to address them.

Other Work of the Planning Department

Continuous activities of the planning office and planning board include reviewing and processing plans, monitoring projects, voting on development and land division applications, and making recommendations to the zoning board of appeals and other boards. The planning board reviews requests for changes to zones and the zoning by-law and makes zoning recommendations to town meeting. The planning board reviews common drive developments, subdivisions, "Approval Not Required" plans, non-residential site plans, earth removal plans, and wireless communication facility plans. The planning board also made recommendations to the select board on the town's right of first refusal to purchase land held under Chapter 61 restrictions. The board also advises and assists other town offices, developers, property owners, and the public.

The department provided assistance and advice to the Economic Development and Industrial Corporation, to the Lampson Brook Farm management board, and to MassDevelopment on Carriage Grove redevelopment.

The town planner serves on the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission's executive committee; and is the town's representative on the Quaboag Region Coordinating Council.

The town planner manages the planning office and assists the planning board in development review, procedural interpretation, and research. The town planner also coordinates planning and reviews with other town offices, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, developers, residents, and businesses. The town planner maintains contacts with the UMass Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning department, the Conway School of Landscape Design, state agencies, our legislators, professional

planning organizations, and planning colleagues. The planning board continued involvement with the Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation and the Quaboag Hills Chamber of Commerce to support small business development. The town planner represents Belchertown on the chamber's economic development committee. The town planner also is on the board of the Valley Development Council, the executive committee of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, and the Pioneer Valley Regional Housing Committee, and on several advisory committees.

In what could have been a very big change turned out well – the planning board's assistant, Lynn Sikes, retired after serving the town extremely well with her initiative, humor, insight, and excellent organizational skills. We are very fortunate to have an equally capable replacement in Jackie Fredenburgh, who keeps everything operating as it should with equally good humor and desire to help everyone she encounters. We thank Lynn for her years of service.

Board Membership
The planning board membership in 2022 was as follows:

James Natle (term expires: 2023);
Justin Rosienski, Clerk, single signature authority (term expires: 2024);
Michael Hofler, Vice Chair, Community Preservation Committee liaison (term expires: 2025);
Daniel Beaudette, Chair (term expires: 2026);
Elizabeth Pols, Commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (term expires: 2027)
Wendy Goulet, Alternate Voting Member for Special Permits (Appointed annually).

Staff
Jacqueline Fredenburgh is the Planning Board assistant.
Douglas Albertson is the town planner and alternate commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the planning board,
Douglas Albertson
Town Planner

POLICE DEPARTMENT

On behalf of the members of the Belchertown Police Department, I am honored to present the 2022 Annual Town Report. This will be my first Annual Report as I was fortunate to have been promoted to Police Chief in August 2022.

The Belchertown Police Department is staffed by dedicated, professional sworn and civilian members who work hard every day and night to provide the best service possible to keep our town safe. Most of our staff either live in or were raised in Belchertown. We are an accredited police department, having attained the prestigious award in June 2020 from the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission.

There were many personnel changes during the year which included the promotions of Sergeant Bruce Jenks to the rank of Lieutenant, Officer Robert Mann to the rank of Sergeant and Officer Christopher Mayo to the rank of Sergeant. New hires this year are Officers Draine Colon Rivera and Daniel Welch, Dispatchers Miriam Martin, Samuel Prefontaine, Michelle Dukes, and Rosalynn Vollbrecht.

Resignations were comprised of Officers Jordyn Noonan, Andrew Letendre, Robert Ivey, Caleb Gonsalves, Lieutenant Michael Beaupre, Dispatchers Lauren Bock and Eric Girard. Chief Christopher Pronovost retired in June 2022 after serving the town for six years.

Community policing and programming are a priority to the members of our department. We continue to engage the community with outreach programs and activities such as Coffee with a Cop, Military Tribute Banners, Citizen Police Academy, Summer Youth Academy, RAD, Toy Drive, Special Olympics, Senior Center/TRIAD, K-9 Events and Drug Take Back Day.

In 2022 the Police Department responded to 16,894 calls for service, resulting in 235 people arrested or summoned to court on criminal offenses, and 704 incident reports completed. There were 217 motor vehicle crashes investigated and 1393 citations issued.

The following lists a selected number of incidents investigated and reports completed, and/or criminal charges brought forward:

Abuse Prevention Order Violation	11	Animal Cruelty	1
Assault/Assault & Battery	35	Aggravated Assault	14
Assist Fire/EMS	30	Burglary/ Breaking & Entering	30
Child Pornography	1	Counterfeiting/Forgery	2
Destruction of Property	30	Disorderly Conduct	7
Disturbance	76	Drug Offenses	11
Domestic Assault & Battery	44	DUI Drugs/Alcohol	20
Gun Law Violations	1	Harassment/ Threats	17
Identity Theft/Impersonation	19	Intimidation	4
Juvenile Issues	32	K-9 Deployments	35
Larceny of Property	54	Liquor Law Violations	15
Medical/Mental	71	Missing Persons	29
Motor Vehicle Theft	6	Negligent Vehicle Operation	20
Protective Custody	1	Robbery	0
Sexual Assault	8	Trespassing	24
Sudden Death	17	Warrant Arrests	34

I wish to thank the citizens of Belchertown, other town departments and our town officials for their continued support.

Respectfully,

Kevin J. Pacunas

Chief of Police

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Department of Public Works continues to provide a wide variety of services for Belchertown, initiates, pursues and completes several projects both internally and requested by other town divisions and organizations while meeting the needs of the public on a daily basis troughout the year all with limited resources and budgetary constraints.

Belchertown's 130.07 miles of roads remained well-traveled and maintained throughout the season. According to the Old Farmer's Almanac, winter of 2022 was donned the "Season of Shivers" due to its long duration of bone-chilling, below-average temperatures. The season ramped up quickly on January 29th when a 'Bombcyclone" hit the entire northeast. This two-day perfect storm produced strong winds, below freezing temperatures and 7" of heavy wet snow. Februarys weather conditions ebbed and flowed from daily thaw to overnight freezing which kept our entire crew on the move treating iced over roads. March treked on with colder than normal temperatures and a few surprise small squalls to close out the season. Overall, this winter produced 29 storm events totalling 34.00" of snowfall as compared to last year's 19 storms/44.00" (2021). The following report will attempt to provide a glimpse of other activities we performed throughout the year.

ROADWAYS & RECONSTRUCTION-

North Main-Main Street Corridor Improvement Project- In November the Select Board approved this project to move forward. The projects one mile corridor re-design includes new and reconstructed sidewalks, travel lane narrowing, shoulder widening, on-street parking, bicycle and recreational accommodations, and safety improvements including signage and line striping. Construction is slated to begin in year 2025.

Lawrence Memorial Hall/Town Hall: Parking Lot Improvement Project:

Ludlow Construction, the awarded bidder for this project, began delivering its equipment and materials onsite on September 1st in preparation for project start on September 6th. Despite a few days of interruption due to heavy rain, the project moved steadily along reaching its final paving top coat which occurred on November 10th. The LMH parking lot was reopened to the public on November 11th followed by line painting on November 15th. This projects cost total to date is $858,725.00. However, this amount does not include pole lighting and the installation of trees which will be determined at a future date.

BUILDINGS GROUNDS AND MAINTENANCE: This department was challenged by a shortage of seasonal manpower this year yet continued to provide maintenance to all town buildings, take care of 200+ acres of grounds/open space including recreational and school fields, conservation trails, nine cemeteries, athletic fields and town properties. This division spent most of their time performing a wide variety of routine maintenance activities including snow removal, painting, equipment repair, field preparations, annual cemetery cleaning, leaf raking and the installation of seasonal/holiday decorations. In addition, due to the excessive rainfall this season mowing was conducted every week for 28 weeks straight.

They also completed an impressive list of time consuming projects (listed below).

- Assisted Police Department with the annual hanging of Veteran Banners
- Set up bleachers, picnic tables, trash barrels and no parking signs for the Belchertown Fair.
- Resurfaced roof at highway garage.
- Thatched, aerated and over seeded all fields.

- Replaced top of chimney at Old Town Hall.
- Installed car port for senior center vans.
- Set up stars, snowflakes and Christmas tree for first night celebration.
- Cut back brush on first base lines at Austin and Parson's Fields.
- Cut down brush at Foley Field Dam.
- Repointed building foundation at Finnerty House.
- Repaired ramp at Recreation Dept., stairs at LMH and stairs at Clapp Memorial Library.
- Cut fields and trails: Blue Dot Trail, Piper Farm Trail, Bay Road Fields, Reed Property and Topping Farm Property.
- Picked up leaves from all town buildings, playing fields and cemeteries.
- Put up no parking signs for Tag Sale, Put-A- Thon, First Night and food truck events.
- Replaced two windows at Fire Station.
- Replaced partial carpeting at Police Dept.
- Painted basement at Police Dept.
- Conducted annual maintenance of 46 Detention Basins in various town locations.

This Division also assisted with town wide annual roadside mowing and brush cutting activities. Nearly all of the roads were mowed and approximately two miles of roadside were cleared of excess brush to increase sight distance and to provide space for snow storage.

CEMETERY DIVISION- Our Cemetery Division continues to see an increase in burials as shown below.

Year 2020	Year 2021	Year 2022
29	36	41

In year 2022, this division conducted a total of 41 burials consisting of 14 earthen and 27 cremations. In addition, 17 deeds were issued and 3 lots were transferred amongst private owners. Other activities included archiving deeds, lot transfers and sales, burials, mapping, grounds maintenance, lot layouts, snow staking and pinning of cemetery burial rows and headstone repairs. The Cemetery Division archives all deceased and burial certificates for long-term preservation. Along with aiding genealogical researchers we also process military markers sent from the Department of Veterans Affairs to ensure those who died in military service are properly recognized.

EARTH DAY - Earth Day was celebrated on Friday, April 22, 2022. The DPW purchased biodegradable green trash bags for this year's event. This year we distributed a total of 190 bags to 23 residents and a 4H group who collected curbside trash from 32 streets. The Department wishes to thank everyone who participated in this annual event and appreciates your efforts towards keeping Belchertown clean.

GREEN COMMUNITIES ANNUAL REPORT-The Department has now completed its thirteenth year of reporting since its designation in May, 2010. (FY'09). Our Annual Green Community Report was submitted on November 4, 2022 to the MassDOER. This highly statistical and lengthy report provides the necessary data in order for the town to maintain its Green Community status and to further qualify for Green Community Competitive Grants.

GRANTS – ($254,990)
CPA (Community Preservation Act): Chestnut Hill Central Recreation Complex Basketball Courts- $109,090.00- Complete

Culvert Replacement Municipal Assistant Grant-$92,000 - This award is to be utilized towards field data collection, design and engineering costs to replace the culvert on Warren Wright Road.

MassDEP Recycling Dividends Program –$4,550: This award is a result of our annual participation in the Recycling Dividends Program (RDP) which awards grants based on a point system to municipalities that have proven policies to maximize reuse, recycling and waste reduction efforts and adherence to a municipal Buy Recycle Policy which requires all town offices to purchase office paper/ products with a recycled content of up to 30% or the maximum extent possible.

MSPCA (Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) Grant~ $1500 - Towards the installation of a Culvert Protective Fence and Pipe Devise due to Beaver activity on Goodell Street.

MassDOT Shared Street Project- State, Main and North Main Streets Corridor Crosswalk Safety Improvements Grant: $47,850. This project will improve the safety for pedestrians using the sidewalks in and around the Town Center as well as provide important connections to long distance trails and bus routes.

Hazardous Waste Day - HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION –This year's event was held on Saturday, July 23, 2022 from 9am-12noon, at the DPW Highway Garage and was assisted by hazmat vendor Clean Harbors from Ct. There were 83 vehicles in attendance who produced 950 lbs/gals of hazardous waste comprising of the following: 3lbs/3gals =15 vehicles, 10lbs/10gals=28 vehicles and 25lbs/25gals -25 vehicles. In addition, this reciprocal event is open to neighboring cities/towns due to our participation in the Pioneer Valley Reciprocal HHW Collections Program. The list of host communities is posted on the DPW website www.belchertown.org annually.

SAFETY - Our Safety Committee was active this past year with organizing departmental training in several topics to include: Work Zone /Traffic Safety, CPR, Confined Space, Lockout/Tag out, Fall Protection, and OSHA 10. They also completed a walkthrough of the DPW buildings to ensure safe work practices and improvements were to be implemented and maintained.

Surplus Vehicle
1-2000 Chevrolet Express Cargo Van (DPW)
1-2001 Chevrolet Tahoe (Fire)
1-2003 Chevrolet Silverado Pickup Truck (Recreation Dept.)

HIGHWAY DIVISION – On April 28, 2022, Governor, Charles D. Baker announced the Winter Recovery Assistance Program (WRAP) in the amount of $100 Million to be apportioned to cities/towns as supplemental funding for various roadway improvements in response to last winter's harsh weather.
Most of Belchertown's allocation of $433,768.91 has been applied towards the rehabilitation, reconstruction, and resurfacing of various roads and sidewalks in need of repair. The spending deadline for WRAP funding is June 30, 2023.

In between inclement weather this division tackled many areas of work to include pothole repairs, street sweeping, sign installation, line painting, repairing equipment, clearing of brush and vegetation from the roadsides and cleaned 365 catch basins. During 2021-2022 snow season our average expenditure per inch of snow removed from the roadways was $9488.67 approximately 65% higher than 2020-2021 season (FY'22/ $4,918.30). The total cost for the season was $275,171.39.

This Division is responsible for the preparations of all resurfacing/reclamation/overlay projects with bituminous concrete overlay and lane markings. The following streets received this much needed work.

2022 Sidewalks

Street	Length /Ft.	Width/Ft.
South Main Street	760	5
North Washington Street	1220	5
Springfield Road	300	5
	Total: 2,280ft.	

2022 Roadway Reconstruction Projects

Street	Length /Ft.	Width/Ft.
Allen Road	4070	22
George Hannum Street	3790	21
George Hannum Street	5550	20
Boardman Street	2110	23
Springfield Road	1940	22
South Washington Street	6975	20
	Total: 24,435ft.	

Crack Sealing:

Street	Length /Ft.	Width/Ft.
Hamilton Street	4590	22
South Liberty Street	7525	21
North Liberty Street	10240	21
Chauncey Walker Street	11340	25
Turkey Hill Road	7120	25
Stebbins Street	8700	22
Center Street	680	24
Gold Street	4840	20
Orchard Street	5510	20
Pheasant Run	880	24
Canal Drive	2410	24
Bunker Way	650	24
Wilson Street	3420	20
Tucker Lane	910	24
Kennedy Road	4020	28
Cedar Glen Drive	1360	24
Blossom Lane	540	24
Federal Street	6150	22
Pheasant Run	910	24
	Total: 81,795ft.	

Totals: 27 Streets, Total Length: 108,510ft., Total Cost: $680,831.80

TRANSFER STATION – All aspects of the towns' waste disposal activities are monitored and in adherence to the annual Transfer Station Rules & Regulations. Violators consisting of non-permitted users and/or failure to use the town's orange trash bags are identified and promptly notified.

The Annual Transfer Station Rules & Regulations can be found on the DPW/Town website by accessing the www.belchertown.org.

Our residential number of household Transfer Station users totaled 1733 (FY'22). Permit stickers were obtained via a combination of onsite sales, town offices and regular mail options. The costs for the Transfer Station Permit Stickers remained at $120.00 annually and for senior citizens age 65+ at $100.00.
Likewise, orange trash bag fees remained at $25.00 for size large (10 per bundle) whereas small bags remained at $15.00 for size small bags (10 per bundle).
Bags may be purchased at a variety of in-town stores as well as the DPW, Finnerty House and the Transfer Station for resident convenience. Participation varies slightly from year to year for those who desire to use our disposal/recycling program.

The following quantities of solid waste and recyclables were generated during year 2022.

Recyclable	*Per Unit(s)*	*Year 2021*	*Year 2022*
Recyclables	Tons	655.96	336.9
Tires (single)	Single	548s	917s
Solid Waste (tons)	Tons	824.33	1089.36
Electronics (tons)	Tons	14.52	10.3
Scrap Steel (tons)	Tons	83.91	78.60
Textile (tons)	Tons	5.08	5.67

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT-
This past year the Wastewater Treatment Plant received and treated approximately 127,250,000 gallons of wastewater; 17.8 million gallons less than in 2021(145,049,000 gals).

In addition, 16 new service connections were acquired, 3 of which were located within the Tri-Lakes Sewer System and 13 were in the Central Sewer System. This brings the total number of customers served to 1897 equivalent dwelling units (EDU's). The WWTP Staff were busy working on facility operations and improvements including employee training, equipment filter replacement, and process meter installations. Other projects completed were: the Process Building roof replacement, concrete caulking, walkway coating, and garage interior painting.

The Staff also worked on sewerage pumping station maintenance and repairs to include electrical component replacements and periodic pump inspections. Additional sewerage collection system tasks completed included: sewer line video inspections and cleaning approximately 5000 ft. of sewers and sewer structure inspections as well as easement cutting and approximately 750 ft. of sewer lining repairs.

TREE AND VEGETATION CONTROL- As with every year, the Towns Tree Warden attends the Massachusetts Tree Warden & Foresters Association Annual Conference in order to receive recertification and accreditation to conduct work in the field. In year 2022, the Tree Warden supervised the removal of 117 trees consisting of mostly Oak, Ash, and Maples. As of this report, there are 387 trees that need to be removed with an estimate of $445,000 in funding needed in order to complete this task. All of these trees were damaged caused by weather, rot, or infestation of various nature.

CONCLUDING STATEMENT

The Department of Public Works is a combined team of dedicated employees and I wish to extend my personal thanks to all DPW employees for making year 2022 a success on many levels and I look forward to a safe and prosperous new year.

Respectfully submitted, Steven J. Williams, Director of Public Works

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Scholarship Committee awards scholarships annually, when there are available funds, to Belchertown residents in pursuit of higher education and for the purpose of providing financial aid towards the costs of tuition, books, fees, etc. Applicants may be graduates of Belchertown High School, Pathfinder Vocational Technical High School, or a home-school program.

In 2022, the committee awarded three scholarships in the amount of $1,500 each.

In addition, the Committee continued its trek towards community outreach via the use of informational flyers inserted into the town's quarterly tax billing cycles through the aid of the Belchertown Treasurer Collectors Office. These inserts provide guidance on how individuals can contribute to the fund in several ways. The Committee wishes to thank everyone for their continued and generous support. The existing scholarship fund balance as of December 31, 2022 was $22,980.39.

The Belchertown Scholarship Fund accepts contributions in any denomination in c/o: the Town of Belchertown Treasurer Collectors Office or by adding any amount to your quarterly tax bill payment. Contributions can also be made by accessing the town's website at www.belchertown.org. Check donations can be placed into the drop-box located outside of the Lawrence Memorial Town Hall, back entrance.

The Scholarship Committee remains grateful for the continued support provided by everyone behind the scenes as well as the generous and continued support of our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Kopulos, Chairman
Scholarship Committee

Members:

Lorraine Alves, Pathfinder Regional Rep.
Ruby Bansal, School Committee Rep.
Brian Cameron, Superintendent of Schools, Rep.
Wesley Dunham, Member
Sarah Edwards, Member
Diane Brown, Member

BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Superintendent of Schools: The 2022 year was a very busy year for the Belchertown Public Schools due to COVID-19 testing procedures, mask mandates, vaccination clinics - not to mention our primary goal of teaching and learning.

Although our time frames were modified, we continued to focus on the district's five-year strategic plan. The five strategic objectives are: optimize SEL outcomes for all students, optimize learning outcomes for all students, strengthen and leverage positive relationships with and among students, staff, parents/guardians, and community, decrease chronic absenteeism and negative student behaviors related to disruption, disrespect, refusal and safety, and establish a long-term commitment to supporting mental health, technology, facilities, and professional development. I invite you to view the Belchertown Public School web page at www.belchertownps.org. The website features information about the District's Strategic Plan, the School Committee, and our five schools.

The District continued our partnership with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA). We successfully met all requirements in the eligible period and have transitioned to the feasibility study. The District is currently partnering with Skanska USA Building Inc., to provide Owner's Project Management (OPM) Services for the Jabish Brook Middle School Project.

Belchertown Public Schools Drug-Free Communities, also known as Belchertown Understanding Obstacles in Youth (BUOY), continues to thrive and has been established as the "Prevention Arm' of Belchertown Overcoming Addiction Together (BOAT). Highlights from this past year included: DFC Staff trained 37 district teachers in Youth Mental Health First Aid, Dr. Fortin and the DFC Program Director graduated from an intense 3-week Community Anti-Drug Coalition of America (CADCA) Academy, we held the 1st Annual Umbrella of Wellness Fair with over 200 attendees and Nathan Harmon, an international speaker on mental health and substance use, presented to grades 6-9.

This fall, we welcomed Keynote Speaker Kim Bearden. Kim is the cofounder, executive director, and language arts teacher at the highly acclaimed Ron Clark Academy, an innovative middle school and educator-training facility in Atlanta. Kim focused on ways to overcome feeling overwhelmed, overworked, and underappreciated. Through the use of her own personal journey and how she overcame tragedy, betrayal, heartbreak, and pain, Kim helped staff members realize their influence and strength. Her six principles left staff feeling empowered and ready for any challenges they face during the coming school year.

I encourage you to read each of the following school department's contributions to learn the greater story of the Belchertown Public Schools. If you have any questions please contact the Superintendent's office. As always, thank you to our families and the community for entrusting BPS with the responsibility of educating the students in our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian C. Cameron, Superintendent of Schools

Finance & Operations: The Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) school district budget was approved at the June Town Meeting in the amount of $30,509,793, which was an increase of $288,267 or .94% over the prior year. Starting last fall the budgeting process was initiated through the input provided by the Building Principals, school staff and the School Councils. Throughout the development of the budget, the Superintendent and District staff held meetings with the Finance & Budget Subcommittee of the School Committee and the Town. The Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) school district budget was approved at the May Town Meeting in the amount of $31,134,612, which is an increase of $336,552 or 1.09% over the prior fiscal year. The budgeting process began in the fall of 2021 with a review of all staffing and non-payroll lines with the building principals, who gathered input from staff members and School Councils. Once an initial draft budget is created, the Superintendent, Finance Team, and other key District staff met with the Finance & Budget Subcommittee of the School Committee, the full School Committee, the Town Administrator, the Town Finance Committee, and the Selectboard to review the budget details, and solicit input into its development. The goal is to build a budget that meets the needs of students and balances those needs with the town's financial capacity.

The Business Office is staffed by a contracted service in the role of Director of Finance. A team is currently in place to meet the district's needs: Mark Chapulis and Carol Sauerhoefer are the team leads, with support from Judy Houle. Our team is grateful to the Business Office staff: Angela DiVico, Accounts Payable; Melissa Szumski, Payroll; and Kathy Boucher, part-time payroll support and Medicaid reporting; for their hard work in ensuring that everything is running smoothly. In addition to our regular tasks, the Business Office has been supporting the work of the District in preparing for the Jabish Brook Middle School building project. We also continued our work with the district to ensure that the health and safety needs of our students and staff are met as we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic, while managing federal grants targeted toward helping students recover from learning loss during remote learning.

Throughout the year the Business Office closely monitors and manages the District's finances, using the MUNIS accounting system to ensure that we meet state and federal requirements and sound accounting

practices. The Contracted Director of Finance Team reviews the budget regularly with the Superintendent and other key district personnel. Monthly financial reports, including payroll and accounts payable warrants, are shared with the School Committee. Combined with the FY21 annual budget of $30,798,060, the Business Office also managed state and federal grants of $ 3,119,769 (including federal ESSER grants), School Revolving funds of $230,442, and a School Choice revolving fund of $1,703,031, which comprised a total financial operation of $35,351,302 in FY21.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Chapulis and Carol Sauerhoefer,
Contracted Director of Finance Team

Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning's Report: Throughout this year, I have continued to focus on assisting administration and faculty with standards-based curriculum alignment, development, and coordination (PK-12), strengthening instructional delivery, supporting supervision and evaluation, managing student assessment, and coordinating professional development during this trying time.

In this regard, I continued to facilitate the District Instructional Leadership Team (DILT) this year in an effort to align our PK-12 Professional Development efforts. We worked throughout the year to coordinate professional development activities that were focused; high quality, relevant to teachers' practice, connected to the school/district's mission, and had a positive impact on student learning. We continue to develop ways to assess PD offered in the district and to try to tap into the many talented professionals that we have in our district.

The focus of our elementary curriculum and assessment work this year has been on English/Language Art (ELA). We are moving along as planned with the implementation of our new comprehensive ELA curriculum materials. In grades 6-12, a team of educators is working diligently, to update Mathematics curriculum guides—, which are expected to be completed in the coming years. We are paying particular attention to the application of mathematical practices as the curriculum expectations become more rigorous through the grades.

Much of this year's Professional Development focused on *Developing Curriculum Guides*. We also continued our work with area consultants in order to develop educators' capacity to support their colleagues as they refine classroom practices that prioritize the purposeful integration of SEL. Other PD work touched on *Technology Integration*, developing *Trauma Centered Practices*, and *Responding to Hate & Bias in Schools*.

These four themes were also supported through building-based PD, district-offered PD opportunities, and partnerships with local colleges and collaboratives.

I value the work that I do with building principals and assistant principals on identifying the elements of high-quality instruction and assessment in their classrooms. This can be done through joint observations of teaching, mentoring, calibration activities, participation in faculty/department/team meetings, analysis of student data, etc. Spending time in classrooms with students and teachers continues to be the highlight of my day.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Shawn Fortin, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning

Student Support Services: The year started with our English Language Learner (ELL) students participating for the tenth year in the "Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State" (ACCESS) testing. This assessment was given to students identified as ELs in Kindergarten

through 12th grade to identify their English proficiency in reading, writing, thinking, and speaking. Our students worked diligently on this assessment and the data obtained has helped the district better determine the best educational approach for each of the students who participated.

Student Support Services continues to oversee special education programs and services, English Language Learner programs, Section 504 and Homelessness. Essentially, the Student Support Services Department does exactly what the name suggests, in that it provides support services for our students.

Special Education programs and services are responsible for providing educational services to students who experience academic difficulty because of a disability consisting of a developmental delay, or an intellectual, sensory, neurological, emotional, communication, physical, specific learning or health impairment, or any combination of the aforementioned. Children ages three to twenty-two, who have not received a high school diploma, are eligible for special education services. In addition to providing for the academic needs of children identified as having a disability, the program provides related services to assist students in making effective educational progress. These services consist of, but are not limited to, psychological services, counseling for school-related issues, occupational therapy, physical therapy, vision and mobility training, and speech/language therapy. Students with special needs are provided educational services in a variety of settings ranging from full inclusion in the regular classroom to out-of-district placements. The school district also provides extended school year services for special education students in grades preK-12 to prevent substantial loss of previously learned skills and/or substantial difficulty in relearning skills.

The Final Report for the Tiered Focused Monitoring (TFM) Review that was conducted by the Office of Public School Monitoring was received in March 2022. During this review, the Department monitored special education and civil rights criteria to determine our district's compliance with laws and regulations. We were pleased to learn that the Department found our district to be in compliance with all of the criteria monitored during the TFM Review and no corrective action was required.

The Student Support Services Department welcomed Sean Kane, One-year Adjustment Counselor, Colleen Mayette, BCBA, Natasha Martin, Tier 2 Adjustment Counselor and Cara Caron as Administrative Assistant.
The Student Support Services Department began the year short-staffed. Only one school psychologist position out of three was filled. These positions have remained unfilled despite multiple postings across multiple sites. The department has been able to contract with outside service providers to ensure that our students are receiving timely, comprehensive evaluations. Parents have received regular communication regarding the status of their student's evaluation throughout the school year.

The Student Support Services Department continues to work with building principals to increase inclusive education for all students within the district. Increasing inclusive education may be a long and challenging process, but ultimately this transition can strengthen a school community while simultaneously supporting and addressing the individual needs of each child. As such, effective models of inclusive education not only benefit students with disabilities, but also create an environment in which every student, including those who do not have disabilities, has the opportunity to flourish.

Fall 2022 began the fourth year of Pre-ETS (Pre-Employment Transition Services) programming at Belchertown High School through STAVROS and the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC). Due to low enrollment/engagement, Belchertown's service provider for Pre-ETS was switched to Easter Seals in October 2022. Pre-ETS services are available to students with disabilities between the ages of 14 and 22 who are enrolled in or receiving services through their local high school. Pre-ETS programming is designed to offer a peer-based approach to support students with five core services: Job Exploration, Work Readiness, Work-based Learning Experiences, Self-Advocacy and Mentoring and Counseling on

Post-Secondary Education or Training. Students can access one or all five of these services at a pace commensurate with their abilities.

The Belchertown Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) continues to collaborate with neighboring communities in order to be able to provide a variety of workshops to our families. Thus far this school year, the following workshop has been presented: Basic Rights: Understanding the IEP.

Finally, the Student Support Services Department continues to work hard to improve and increase communication with families and community members. I look forward to building and maintaining relationships with parents, community members and with the Parent Advisory Council to continue working collaboratively towards improving the best education for all students.

Respectfully Submitted

Rebecca Kudron
Director of Student Support Services

Director of Buildings and Grounds: The Buildings and Grounds department is responsible for the maintenance of five school buildings and two associated buildings, encompassing 478,000 square feet of building space and over 100 acres of land.
This year the school buildings underwent more than $250,000 in maintenance repairs and capital improvement projects, with a majority of them taking place during the summer months. Projects that were completed, in addition to ongoing maintenance of our school buildings included; new roof and gutters at the Central Office, window repairs at Swift River, classroom heat pump replacements, sidewalk repairs and pool heat pump replacements at Chestnut Hill, bottle fill installations, parking lot crack sealing and line painting at Belchertown High School.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work and diligent efforts of our custodial and maintenance staff who work hard every day to uphold the high standards of safety and cleanliness for the Belchertown students and staff. This year we would like to acknowledge the retirement of two long time custodians Richard Zawalski and George "Tom" Mitchell. Thank you for your many years of hard work and dedication to the Town of Belchertown.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Lebeau, FMP, BOC
Director of Buildings and Grounds

Information Services Department Town Report: Throughout this year, we have worked towards improving technology in the district. Hardware refreshments and software upgrades have dominated the year. This year has also seen a lot of change in the I.T. department itself from personal to location.

We will start with the systems. A number of systems that I installed 9 and 10 years ago are in need of refreshment as they go end of life. Here is a partial list:

-Completed in August of this year was a refresh of the Door lock system. The old Red Cloud system went end of life and was replaced with a new S2 system. The SLT also took this opportunity to review door lock access and make appropriate changes.

-High end servers that control all our virtual machine environment will be installed over the Christmas break. These new servers should carry the district for another 8 or 9 years.

-The wireless systems, two failover controllers, and a large number of access points (about 96 out of our 217) are going end of life in the summer of 2023. All parts are now on site and the replacement is scheduled for the February break. The new AP's are more powerful than the older ones and will continue to improve on our wireless capacity throughout the district.

-As part of the aging camera system replacement, it was decided to bring on a security consultant to review all aspects of security in the district (including the cameras). Pending the report and finances will guide how and when that system will be upgraded. The current system is a 10-year analogue system that will be replaced with a modern IP based camera system.

-Most of the district's switching goes end of life in 2027 and plans are underway to review what direction that project will take.

The department itself saw considerable changes as our longtime Desktop Support technician Kim Hurst retired. Fernando Molina Jimenez has replaced her and is doing exceedingly well in his new position. In addition, our main offices were flooded out at Tadgell and the department has relocated its offices to the High School. Plans are being made to move the server room out of Tadgell also.

I would like to thank our Superintendent and Administrative Team for their continued support for the rapidly expanding technological footprint in the district. Without the proper financial and operational support, these systems can become problematic. Regular investments in the systems, technology and people who support them is critical to smooth operations across the district.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Scott Karen
Director of Technology for Belchertown Public Schools

Food Service Department Director's Report: The food service department offers breakfast and lunch to students and staff every school day. Massachusetts extended the free breakfast and lunch program through June of 2023, and I am hoping they will continue to support free meals for all students going forward. I see it as a fantastic way to support our community and it helps build a communal feeling with the students. Our breakfast and lunch counts have been incredible. On average, the Summer Eats Program has fed over 20000 more lunches than 2019, using Data that most resembled a normal year. The breakfast counts were up over 7000 more meals than 2019. Our National School Lunch Program has also seen a large uptake in participation. Using Data from 2020 and 2019 same timeline, we have seen an increase of more than 14,000 more lunches and 21,000 more breakfasts served. I owe a great deal of gratitude to the existing staff for providing these meals and re-inventing their spaces to accommodate the larger counts.

We will utilize 100 % of our USDA entitlement funds as well as the DOD fresh funds. Which allows us to provide fresh fruits and vegetables grown in the USA.

We look forward to continuing to offer nutritious meals to our students and staff, while making improvements where we can.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barrett Grazioso
Food Service Director

School Nursing Department Report: During the 2021-2022 school year, we employed six full time nurses. We continue to receive money from a competitive grant from the Department of Public Health, the Comprehensive School Health Services Grant, which has allowed a Care Coordinator Attendance nurse to be hired. This nurse helped families with children who have complex medical situations attend school and those students with an attendance problem due to inequities and/or mental health issues. This is a 10-year grant and we are in year three. This position allows for outreach to students/families who are having a difficult time attending school. Our schools participate in the DESE recommended symptomatic testing for COVID. Students whose parents agree to have their child tested are eligible for symptomatic testing. Staff is also eligible. The school nurses administer these tests.

Our nurses deal with students who have chronic medical needs, behavioral needs and neurological issues. We have an exceptional return to class rate of over 92%. School nurses complete mandatory screenings of children, which the Department of Public Health requires such as vision, hearing, height, weight, scoliosis, and SBIRT. Three are Automatic External Defibrillators in each school, with five located in the High School where the coach and Athletic Trainer can bring out to the fields for after school sporting events. The Central Office also has an AED. All school nurses are Heart Saver Instructors. The nurses taught CPR/AED to any staff member wishing to be certified. Currently there are 107-trained CPR/AED staff. All nurses are trained in Narcan administration. In October, we collaborated with the Stop and Shop Pharmacy and administered 67 flu shots for students and 50 flu shots for staff.

Every other year grades 8, 10 and 12 take a Prevention Needs Assessment Survey. This survey includes questions about substance use and depressive symptoms. It also asks questions about protective factors such as participation in school and community activities and opportunities for prosocial involvement. Our results are compared to county and state results. Schools then decide what intervention to initiate due to the results.

The school is also part of the Drug free Communities Grant and has been awarded $125,000.00 per year for five years and we currently are in year three. The school also has a Wellness Committee that meets at a minimum of four times a year. This committee includes administrators, school committee, guidance, nursing, and community members.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis DuComb, MEd., BSN, RN, School Nurse Leader

Cold Spring School: During the 2021-2022 school year, Cold Spring School provided 219 of the youngest students in the district with a high quality, developmentally appropriate education in an enriched and safe learning environment. We believe in educating the "whole child," and we renewed our focus on students' social-emotional development.

Our integrated preschool program includes three and four-year-olds and is an ideal stepping stone for kindergarten readiness. Currently, there are two preschool classrooms offering morning and afternoon half-day sessions. The full-day kindergarten program for five and six-year-olds consists of eight classrooms. Twenty-five of our preschoolers entered kindergarten in the fall, while one hundred and sixty-seven kindergarten students were promoted to first grade.

In September 2021, students were welcomed to Cold Spring School, although masks continued to be required, as well as social distancing in classrooms and in the cafeteria. In March 2022, mask-wearing became optional for students and staff. Wednesdays continued to include optional pooled testing for students and staff.

Our school nurses deserve praise and recognition. The additional responsibilities that they were responsible for were monumental; pooled testing, contact tracing, and endless hours spent communicating to the CSS community about the ever-changing COVID-19 guidelines and protocols were all tasks that they continued to perform. Outstanding work!

Due to the universal free breakfast and lunch program for all students, the food service staff continued to meet the increased demand for daily meals. The efforts of the food service workers are to be commended.

June brought the return of end-of-the-year festivities that invited families back into the school. On June 10th, kindergarten students, staff, and families participated in Field Day. A huge thank you to our generalist, Linda Fuhrmann, for planning and organizing this fun-filled experience. The Preschool Moving Up Ceremony was held on June 13th for our littlest learners. Families and friends welcomed the opportunity to attend this milestone event. Thank you to preschool educators Holly Osborne and Tammy Thomas, along with their classroom staff, for making memories for our students and families.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Cold Spring School could not continue the Volunteer Program. However, the hope is to reinstate the program for the 2022-2023 school year. Although there were numerous challenges, the PTO continued to support our students and staff. Many end-of-the-year performances were sponsored by the PTO and brought smiles to all.

Although the 2021-2022 school year continued to pose significant challenges, we are proud to have been able to provide our youngest learners with a solid foundation as they embark on their educational journey within the Belchertown Public School district.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Mastalerz, Director

Swift River Elementary School: The Swift River Elementary School had a very productive 2022 school year. Our mission is to provide a safe and developmentally appropriate learning environment that encourages and celebrates all students' efforts, interests, and abilities. We continue to focus on increasing student achievement through improving assessment and instruction with scientifically based researched programs and integrating the Science of Reading teaching practices to meet the needs of all students. As a school, we challenge and engage all students in a respectful, positive learning environment that fosters personal, social, and academic growth to achieve success in a global society. The values that drive our foundation of learning as a community of learners are six principles, and they are respect, responsibility, relationships, rigor, reflection, and resilience. Our total enrollment for Swift River Elementary School in grades one, two, and three is 475 students.

As each year ends, it brings new beginnings and different experiences for our educators. We welcome educators new to Swift River Elementary as we started the fall. Jenifer Gernux accepted the regular education teaching position in grade 2, next, Carly Schneider joined our 3rd-grade team as a Special Education Teacher in an inclusion classroom, and lastly, Kevin McNeill joined our specialist team as the Physical Education Teacher. These exemplary educators hired for the fall of 2022 were among many outstanding candidates applying for positions in Belchertown. We are fortunate to have this talent added to our staff. As we welcomed our new educators to Swift River Elementary, we had to say farewell to a talented educator moving into retirement. Mr. Darryl Clark, 2nd-grade regular education, shared 21 years with us and now decided to focus on gardening projects and visiting his family and grandkids. We wish him well in his retirement. We wish Mr. Clark continued success in his future life plans.

Over the course of 2022, there has been a lot of planning and restructuring to meet the needs of our students and state requirements. Every school year, we review and evaluate the needs of our students and

determine educational resources, programming, and direct instructional needs. This task came with an understanding of budgetary allowances and the ability to work within guidelines to produce highly impactful practices and models.

Our One School, One story community reading program emphasizes the importance of reading. Using a community read-aloud helps foster the importance of reading and encourages a love for reading and a shared community conversation. All families were asked to participate and share their enthusiasm by participating in this school-wide event. This past spring, we read as a community "Mr. Popper's Penguins," indeed a funny, lighthearted read for all families and staff to enjoy.

Our technology approach for the 2022 school year has been steadily growing to integrate differentiated teaching practices with real-time data to enhance instruction. Our technology is available in each classroom with 7 Chromebook carts throughout the school building and a computer lab in our Media Center. The technology allows students to do research, reinforce skills, and monitor progress to evaluate the effectiveness of instructional strategies being used. We will continue these practices as we adjust to provide this same experience through this time. Our teachers continue to attain higher proficiency levels, integrating technology into their lessons. The various technologies used in the classroom are interactive projectors, document cameras, software programs that support skill development for individual learning and reinforcement, and facilitate classes with organization and communication through google classroom. We will continue to provide keyboarding skills to prepare for computer-based MCAS assessment and upgrade and provide new Dell computers to accommodate the upgrades necessary for the assessment. Every student in grades one through three has Google accounts to access many technology tools available to them. Students log into their accounts to access the typing component from "Learning without Tears" program to prepare them in response to prompts and short answer questions necessary for assessments.

We continue to implement our Reading Series, SAVVAS myview, by delivering a consistent approach to literacy instruction for kindergarten through grade 5 while continuing professional development to support grade-level teachers. Our Learning Lab Classroom Teachers (LLCT) receive extra instruction with a myView specialist providing peer coaching opportunities as a non-evaluative professional development strategy that allows educators to work together, discuss and share teaching practices, observe each other's classrooms, provide mutual support, and, in the end, enhance teaching to enrich student learning through designed reading and writing lessons.

We continue to provide equity in our inclusion classrooms by utilizing six different instructional delivery models and furthering their collaborative work through additional professional development. By the school adopting an inclusive design model, all classrooms will reinforce instruction through intervention groups based on a variety of methods that provide the opportunity for differentiated centers that extend/support reading and writing that has been taught in the classroom. We have also implemented many supplementary instruction/materials into our daily math teaching to cover all the topics covered in the new curriculum map and develop appropriate assessments.

Our Arts Enrichment program is part of our culture at SRE and continues to grow with excitement, now in its seventh year for students in grades 2 and 3. Approximately 220 students participate in the program. The Enrichment Programs have significantly impacted the social and emotional development of all of our students, with fewer conflicts and discipline issues addressed by the administration. We have built over the past several years an assortment of activities, all to the credit of our staff stepping outside of the box to explore areas of hands-on, inquiry, and collaborative exploration. Some of our offerings include Early Choral Singing, Story Telling, Jewelry Making, Everything Art, Cooperative Games, Garden Club, and so many more.

The breakfast program continues to be successful and provides students each morning with a healthy breakfast to start the day. Our nurse supports the cafeteria staff noticing fewer students going to the nurse for hungry tummies. Lunch is free for all students for the remaining days of the school year.

During the 2022 school year, Swift River Elementary School responds to both academic and social-emotional needs by implementing a framework using principles of our culture-building programs, PeaceBuilders, with the added structure of Tier 1 & 2 strategies, which staff use technics and strategies from Polly Bath training and a curriculum based program approved by the state "Acting with Purpose." All of this is in place, and work continues to evolve to create sustainability each year. A Behavior Support Team (BST) continues to develop continuity that connects the entire school to families, focusing on monthly themes that represent our value words, kindness, respect, safety, and responsibility. We hope that we treat everyone in our community with respect and kindness and teach those skills and values to students to carry them forward.

With advice and assistance from the SRE School Council, the accomplishments mentioned in this report and the completion of other projects became a reality. School Council members for 2020 were: Robert Kuhn, co-chair/principal; Ivy Peritz-Smith, co-chair/assistant principal; Brenda Kruse, teacher representative; Melissa Roy, teacher representative; Kristin Duke, parent representative; Erica Fisher, parent representative, and Jennifer Torna as the community representative. The School Council would like to acknowledge and thank SRE teachers, paraprofessionals, support staff members, students, their parents/guardians, administration, and the community for their continued support of our schools and initiatives.

Respectfully submitted,
Mr. Robert Kuhn, Principal, Swift River Elementary School

Chestnut Hill Community School Principal: At Chestnut Hill Community School, we are committed to providing all students with a rigorous learning experience in which they acquire the fundamental skills and social awareness necessary for success today and into the future. We continually look for ways to improve what we do so that our students can be prepared not only for the rest of their educational careers, but throughout life.

Developing the social-emotional growth of students is one of our priorities at Chestnut Hill. We incorporate our RISE values of Respect, Integrity, Safety, and Empathy into all we do. Students participate in activities that reinforce these values throughout the year and they are evidenced in posters and other visual representations as you walk through our classrooms and halls. During morning announcements, as part of our efforts to create a more peaceful community, we discuss the value we are focusing on each month and recite our peacebuilders pledge. To reinforce that pledge and our values, monthly drawings are held to recognize students for their efforts.

We continue to utilize the Botvin LifeSkills Program in grades 4-6. This research-based program helps to increase self-esteem, develop healthy attitudes, and improve students' knowledge of essential life skills - all of which promote healthy and positive personal development and promote social-emotional growth.

During the 2021-2022 school year, we continued to follow COVID-19 safety requirements such as social distancing in classrooms and in the cafeteria and masking, which became optional in March of 2022. We also conducted optional pooled testing one day per week until June of 2022.

Even with the COVID-19 safety precautions, in the spring of 2022 the CHCS Chorus and Band were able to start having performances once again. In March, our 4th-6th grade chorus sang during Belchertown

Night at the Thunderbirds. In May, we opened our doors to families and had a combined band and chorus concert.

In June we enjoyed many end of year festivities including field days and field trips. Families were invited to attend an outdoor event celebrating the end of elementary school for our sixth grade students.

At the conclusion of the 2021-2022 school year, we saw 159 students move up to seventh grade and with the start of the 2022-2023 school year, CHCS welcomed 156 fourth graders for a total of 481 students in grades 4, 5, and 6.

During 2022, there were several staffing changes. Mrs. Dupras (Grade 4 Teacher), Mrs. Breen (Grade 4 Teacher), and Mrs. Vient (Grade 5) retired after many years of dedicated service to Belchertown Public Schools. Mr. Guerraz (Music Teacher) transferred to Belchertown High School and Ms. Lyman (Grade 6 Teacher) transferred to Jabish Brook Middle School where they could utilize their additional teaching licenses. At the start of the 2022-2023 school year we welcomed new staff to join our CHCS family: Samantha O'Grady, Jessica Coelho, Lauren Chrabascz, Alexa Wochomurka, and Sarah Van Ells.

With the opening of school in the fall of 2022, COVID restrictions were lifted and we were able to return to many of our pre-pandemic activities. Students have the opportunity to participated in enrichments that enhance the base curriculum and provide various learning opportunities that they may not otherwise experience. There were several sessions offering various options for students during their recess block. Some of the activities included Arts & Crafts, Chorus, Kickball, Magic the Gathering, Mileage Club, and Percussion Enrichment.

Chestnut Hill Community School was proud to join more than 80 million Americans that took part in the largest drug prevention campaign in the nation: Red Ribbon Week, October 24-28, 2022. With support from Belchertown Understanding Obstacles in Youth (BUOY), we promoted the importance of living a healthy life through morning educational and motivational announcements as well as spirit days.

November was a busy month for the CHCS Band and Chorus. During the Veteran's Day Concert, the 5th and 6th Grade Chorus performed Amazing Grace and led the Flag Ceremony with various Military songs and the 6th Grade Band performed the Star Spangled Banner and America the Beautiful. The 4th grade chorus sang several holiday songs at the Winter Light Night event on the Common, which was hosted by the Belchertown Cultural Council.

Also in November, as part of the SAFE (Student Awareness of Fire Education) program, students in grades 4 and 5 welcomed members of the Belchertown Fire Department to CHCS for presentations regarding fire prevention and evacuation procedures. We truly value this partnership with our local fire department.

Thank you to the School Council for their continuous effort in working together to improve our school. This council, which is made up of parents, community members, teachers, and administrators meet monthly to develop and discuss topics pertinent to CHCS and progress towards the school improvement plan. I appreciate their willingness to have open discussions about various topics and for sharing their ideas as we work collaboratively towards continuous improvement.

The PTO continues to be a tremendous support for our entire school community. From organizing school events and gifts for teachers to supplementing field trips, we could not succeed without their generous support. My sincere thanks goes to the entire PTO as well as all those who support the PTO for making this possible!

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Deb Fitzpatrick, our school nurse, as well as the entire nursing staff. Their dedication to the safety and well being of our students and staff as we continued to confront the impacts of COVID-19 is truly commendable and greatly appreciated. The role of the school nurse has changed tremendously, and we are lucky to have such an outstanding team looking out for all of us!

Due to the universal free breakfast and lunch program for all students, the food service staff continued to meet the increased demand for daily meals. The efforts of the food service workers are to be commended.

Finally, I would like to recognize the outstanding dedication of our entire faculty and staff who, on a daily basis, work to ensure that the experiences of our students are engaging, motivating, and promote lifelong learning. It is my honor and privilege to work with you each day. I also want to extend my appreciation to the entire CHCS community for their continued support. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Jennifer Champagne, Principal, Chestnut Hill Community School

Jabish Brook Middle School (JBMS) Principal: Jabish Brook Middle School serves the middle school population of seventh and eighth grade students in Belchertown. Two grades are served in a building originally designed as a junior-senior high school nearly 60 years ago. It has been our mission to serve our middle school population with a blended model that combines the junior high school design with the middle school concept to serve the social, physical, emotional and academic needs of our students in this building.

2022 has continued to show areas of need in the operations of the school district and the middle school. The faculty and staff have worked cooperatively with students, parents and guardians to respond to these needs and provide the best possible support for our middle school students. We have overcome staff shortages, supply shortages, building infrastructure failures and physical space limitations. I continue to be impressed by the collective efforts of our school community to address these challenges and respond to the needs of our students.

We learned in early 2021 that Belchertown has been invited into the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) for a feasibility study to assess the best approach to address the need to renovate or replace the existing building. This endeavor will investigate and present to the community the best options to address the increasing costs of repairs and retrofitting maintenance costs to the building. We appreciate the efforts of the district administration and the town building committee for their time and commitment to assess our capacity to provide a more conducive educational environment. I look forward to a cooperative effort to pursue both the needs to service our students that can meet the demands of the 21st century while maintaining fiscal responsibility for our community.

Jabish Brook Middle School continued to develop and implement trauma-informed classroom practices as a part of our recovery plan. We work to provide a supportive and enriching learning environment based on building relationships with our students. This has included dedicating federal funding for an adjustment counseling position serving predominantly middle school students. It is an unfortunate reality that more and more of our students are finding school a daily struggle to maintain behavioral and academic expectations due to significant increases in social-emotional issues, which is reflected in our student needs and standardized assessment scores.

Jabish Brook Middle School is a part of a collective district effort to address these challenges, and continues to integrate our counseling services and trauma-informed practices into the classroom. Curriculum meetings are integrating a scaffolding approach to increasing academic work performance, and teachers are working harder than ever to find alternative methods for students to demonstrate academic proficiency. The ability to maintain a safe learning environment with the assistance of our building and district nursing staff, and the cooperative efforts of our school community to rebuild our capacity to support our student needs are leading us in our recovery to return to a high level of academic performance by our students.

It is through the cooperative effort of our school community that JBMS has been able to provide a positive and productive learning environment for our community. I am indebted to our professional faculty and staff for their dedication and commitment to this mission, and to our parents, guardians, students and families for their cooperation, perseverance and support. I am very proud to be part of a community that has worked so hard for the benefit of our students.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Thomas K. Ruscio, Principal
Jabish Brook Middle School

High School (BHS) Principal: 2022 was a very successful and productive year for the administration, faculty, staff, and students at Belchertown High School. Our students continued to excel in all of their academic, athletic, musical, and co-curricular pursuits. The Belchertown High School educational community fosters academic excellence and responsible citizenship in a positive, safe, and respectful environment in order to develop productive contributors to a diverse and democratic society. The teaching and learning that takes place at Belchertown High School is impressive!

In March, we celebrated Ms. Deb Keefe who was chosen as the recipient of the Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Award. The program annually honors more than a hundred outstanding Western Massachusetts educators in Franklin, Hampshire, and Hampden counties and seeks to motivate educators at all stages of their careers to aspire to excellence. Since its inception over 2000 educators have been recognized. Today, the Irene E. & George A. Davis Foundation partners with the Harold Grinspoon Charitable Foundation to make the Excellence in Teaching Awards possible.

In March, we recognized our Swim Teams on their success at the State Tournament! Our Boys' Team came in fourth overall and our Girls' Team came in twenty-sixth overall. We are so proud of all of our swimmers! In the 200 Yard Freestyle, Mitch Dubey came in first! In the 100 Yard Backstroke, Luke Giguere came in first! In the 500 Yard Freestyle Mitch Dubey came in first and Evan Harrington came in fifth! In the 100 Yard Butterfly, Luke Giguere came in third! In the 400 Yard Freestyle Relay Luke Giguere, Mitch Dubey, Derek Gould, and Evan Harrington came in second. In the 200 Yard Medley Relay - Luke Giguere, Derek Gould, Mitch Dubey, and Evan Harrington came in sixth! In the 200 Yard Freestyle Relay Derek Gould, Brady Perkins, Nathan Wheeler, and George Wheeler came in seventeenth!

In the 400 Yard Freestyle Relay Aubrey Harrington, Ally Linkenhoker, Elyssa Wrona, and Alannah Lavoie came in ninth! In the 200 Yard Medley Relay Aubrey Harrington, Alannah Lavoie, Valerie Williams, and Elyssa Wrona came in seventeenth! In the 200 Yard Freestyle Aubrey Harrington came in sixteenth! In the 200 Yard IM Ally Linkenhoker came in twenty ninth! In the 100 Yard Butterfly Alannah Lavoie came in fifteenth! In the 100 Yard Backstroke Aubrey Harrington came in eighteenth! In the 100 Yard Breaststroke Alannah Lavoie came in twenty first!

Our Boys' and Girls' Basketball teams and Hockey Teams made the MIAA State Tournament!

In May and June, we celebrated the Class of 2022. On Tuesday, May 31st, after graduation rehearsal, our Seniors took part in the Senior Walk outside of Swift River Elementary School and Chestnut Hill Community School where they were cheered on by their former educators and future Orioles!

On Wednesday, June 1st, the Senior Awards Ceremony took place in the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium. Over $75,000 in scholarships was presented to our seniors during the awards ceremony. The awarding of these scholarships would not be possible without the generosity of the many groups and organizations in the community – a special thank you to them for assisting our bright and talented students in their pursuit of educational, work, and military opportunities.

On Thursday, June 2nd, the Class of 2022 graduated 171 students from Belchertown High School. The ceremony was held on the stadium field with family, friends, and educators in attendance celebrating the accomplishments of the class. Speeches were given by Ms. Lexi Bourgeois-Meausky, valedictorian of the class, Ms. Sarah Sedlacek, salutatorian of the class, and Ms. Sophia Poissant, president of the Class of 2022. Attorney Geoffrey Farrington '04 gave the commencement address.

Tuesday, June 14, 2022 was the last day of the 2021 - 2022 school year. Our educators were reminded to be proud of all that they did to keep our students educated, engaged, enthused, entertained, and most importantly connected - connected to them, connected to their classmates, connected to their education! Our students were so very fortunate to have had our educators in their lives! A great debt of gratitude goes out to each and every educator for all that they did for our students, our families, and for each other! Belchertown High School is the very special place it is because of our educators! It was now a time for them to rest, relax, rejuvenate, recharge, recuperate, and reflect and show themselves the same kindness, compassion, and patience that they showed everyone else!

On Tuesday, August 23rd, we welcomed the Class of 2026 and New Students to the Nest! Our student orientation volunteers provided our new students with an amazing introduction to the Nest!

On Tuesday, August 30th, the orange carpet was rolled out as we welcomed our educators and the Classes of 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026 back into the Nest! The opening day convocation remarks asked our educators and students to think about "Livin In the Hall of Fame - The Qualities and Practices that can make us all Hall of Famers". Our students and educators were told that the true Hall of Fame is not a brick and mortar building or a faraway shrine to go and visit. The hallways through which we walk, the classrooms in which we teach and learn, the cafeteria in which we eat…these are the places that will forge and define our legacies at BHS. What you do and who you choose to be is your Hall of Fame candidacy…every day. You can be a Hall of Famer. Are you ready?

Each week since the opening day of school students and educators have been nominated as Hall of Famers. Our educators and students who have been recognized so far include: Mr. Moro, Tyler McDonald, Mr. Caster, Connor Hoag, Ms. Folli, Kyler Gregory, Ms. Grossman, Jillian DeBarge, Ms. Leighton, Football Team, Mr. Murray, Alex Rivas, Ms. Swiatlowski, Destiny Ranzie, Ms. Goncalves, Ellie Gelinas, Collin Laragy, Jordan Kalish, Rocco Meuasky, Henry Audette, Ty Bogdanovich, Tyler McDonald, Honors French 4 and Honors French 5

A Veterans' Day Assembly was held in the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium on Wednesday, November 10th. Special thanks to Ms. Vaz and Student Council for organizing our Veteran's Day Assembly on Thursday. Thanks to Senior Master Sergeant (retired) Frederick for introducing Staff Sergeant Talley. Thanks to Staff Sergeant Talley for speaking. Thanks to Technical Sergeant Whitman for posting the colors. Thanks to Mr. Guerraz and our choir for their beautiful voices! Thanks to Mr. Caster and our

Symphony Band for their amazing sound! Thanks to Carter Masse and Forrest Sherson for playing Taps so well during our solemn ceremony.

Our Fall athletic season was very successful. Our Golf Team, Field Hockey Team, and Boys' Soccer Team were Western MA Champions! Our Golf Team, Boys' Cross Country Team, Field Hockey Team, Girls' Volleyball Team, Girls' Soccer Team and Boys' Soccer Team all qualified for the MIAA State Tournament. Congratulations to all of our Fall student- athletes, coaches, caregivers, and fans on a great fall season! Thanks to Ms. Gouvin, Ms. Leger, and Ms. Phillips for all of their efforts. Special thanks to our Seniors for their contributions to our fall athletic program.

A very special thank you to Ms. Teixeria, Ms. McNeill, and Ms. Folli for organizing the Alumni Career Fair. It was so good to hear from our twenty - six graduates as they shared their experiences with our juniors who were great listeners and participants! It was an incredible morning with all of our Orioles! Special thanks to Liz Chouinard (White)'98 Nick Southwick-Hall '05, Jillian Mason (Watrous) '98, Matt Jackson '96, Leora Barry '99, Laura Jansen '08 Meagan Sweeney '07, Sarah Woodcock '13 Lynne Raymer (Morrison) '96 Nick Cowdrey '99 Ruthie Sterling '13 Corey Lanoue '19. Nicholas J Moynihan '02. April Grudgen Whalen '04, Alaina Swift '15, Dave O'Brien '90, Gregory Gould '95, Tyra Dixon '14, Carol Donoghue '93, Melanie Nichols '96, Sam Scudere-Weiss '14, Melanie Parker '09, Ryan Donoghue '19, Elaina Natario '06, Zackery Bohnet '20, and Robert Morrison '98 for sharing their school and work experiences.

The following members of the Class of 2023 were recognized as John and Abigail Scholarship recipients based on their performance on the high school MCAS English Language Arts and Mathematics tests by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Based on their high academic achievement they have qualified to receive a four year scholarship upon acceptance to a Massachusetts public institution of higher education including the four undergraduate campuses of the University of Massachusetts, all nine state universities and all fifteen community colleges - Nicholas Adzima, Zackary Activ, Benjamin Anderson, Ty Bogdanovich, Riley Breen, Owen Charron, Lindsey Chrabascz, Aidan Clancy, Lauren Cooper, Sierra Crisostomo, John Dinapoli, Jack Dragon, Amber Drummond, Peter Elias, Brandon Gilman, Bridget Hegarty, Alexander Hoag, Daniel Holden, Oliver Howe, Madeline Jaszek, Stephen Kite, Andrew Knapp, Despina Kofides, Isabella Laflamme, Alannah Lavoie, Callan Martin, Tyler McDonald, Abigail Menard, Grace Menard, Aidan Messier, Jacob Murch, Aida Name, Abigail Olden, Nathaniel Oldenburg, Craig Orr, Aayush Patel, Brady Perkins, Emma Piedade, Jamie Platt, Hannah Quesenberry, Eliza Rothstein, Forrest Sherson, Waban Silva, Hailey Smith, April Snow, AJ Terry, Nathan Wheeler, Marie Willems, Zhiyan Yang.

Belchertown High School is the very special place it is because of our students, our educators, and our families! Our Nest is one in which all of our Orioles feel safe, valued, and validated!

I could not be more proud of our students and educators for the relationships that have been fostered and maintained and the respect, responsibility, reflection, and resilience that has been shown as outstanding teaching and learning takes place complete with rigor.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine M. Vigneux, Belchertown High School Principal

PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee is pleased to present this report to the citizens of the nine-town District.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS: The Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee is pleased to present this report to the citizens of the nine-town District. In the 2022 state elections, incumbents Julie Quink (Hardwick), Lorraine F. Alves (Belchertown), Marie Barbara Ray (Ware), John Nason (Warren) were re-elected. New Members elected were Robert Lavoie (Palmer), April Judicki (Granby) and Ronald Keith Valley, Jr. (Monson). William Johnson (Granby) decided not to seek re-election this past November after serving 13 years on the committee. In February, 2022, Michael Cavanaugh sadly passed away after serving 48 consecutive years on the committee. He will be remembered for his long-standing dedication and commitment to Pathfinder Tech and deeply missed. Members remaining on the Committee are David Droz (Palmer), Francesco Dell'Olio (Belchertown), Martin Goulet (New Braintree) and Jeffrey Nelson (Oakham). Ware's population has increased to having over 10,000 residents, which per the regional agreement, another school committee member from Ware will be appointed. At the first regular meeting after the November election, a reorganization took place. Julie Quink was re-elected Chairperson, David Droz was re-elected as Vice-Chairperson and Lorraine Alves was re-elected as Secretary. The new Student Representative on the Committee is Morgan Brown of Palmer.

ADMISSIONS: This fall, Pathfinder Tech introduced the new Community Outreach and Admissions department. In addition to enrollment, this department is responsible for all community engagement efforts, communication, event planning, and media relations.

Pathfinder Tech's enrollment as of October 1, 2022 was 641 students. The freshman class consisted of 186 students which is an increase of 11 students from the previous school year. Overall, enrollment has increased by 12 students since October 1, 2021.

Last year, the school received a total of 273 applications. This year the priority application opened on December 7, 2022. As of December 31, 2022, more than 200 applications have been submitted, the majority of which are for the incoming class of 2027. The admissions team fully anticipates that last year's numbers will be surpassed as the February 1 priority deadline fast approaches and the admissions season continues.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Pathfinder Tech's incoming freshman class had an opportunity to begin their high school experience early through our 2022 Summer Bridge orientation program. Three session options were available in July and August and this year featured a morning welcome/information session for students and parents/guardians, followed by a full day of programming for students. Through a series of activities and events, the Class of 2026 were able to meet current students and staff and were able to begin forming friendships with each other. Placement testing provided some necessary data and the scavenger hunt activity proved to be an interactive way for students to learn their way around Pathfinder Tech!

Come the fall, and for the first time since 2020, Pathfinder Tech began school without COVID restrictions. We welcomed 186 grade nine students and 13 new grade 10 students.
In September, Pathfinder Tech made a vibrant first appearance at the Belchertown Fair. We had our own booth exemplifying some of the amazing things we do and offered free face painting and manicures, cookie decorating, bird house creation, and robotics demonstrations to passers-by.

During the months of November and December, Pathfinder Tech held two incredibly successful recruitment events - Showcase and Career Night. Our Showcase event was the largest in the school's history with 331 students in attendance! Career Night was equally as successful and led to a record number of 125 applications on the opening priority application night!
Finally, the community outreach department has made a push to regularly post on Pathfinder Tech's social media, engaging with current students, families, and community members. Content includes event updates, fundraisers, department achievements, student features, and athletics updates.

BUDGET: During 2022, the School Committee adopted a final FY23 budget of $15,033,018 representing an increase of 3.89% over the FY22 Budget. Subsequently, unanimous approval was received when all nine towns that comprise the Pathfinder Regional District voted to approve their assessments during their 2022 town meetings and town council meetings. The FY23 budget was approved pursuant to the regional school budget statute. Formulation of the annual budget and town assessments are based on the previous school year's October 1 enrollment.

For the FY22 and FY23 School Years, Pathfinder Tech is providing Free School Lunch through government subsidies by the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and supplemental state funding. District wide free lunches have significantly benefited students experiencing financial instability due to economic hardships brought on by current inflationary pressures within our state and national economy. In addition to free school lunch, Pathfinder Tech has also utilized its federal COVID Relief funds to provide additional student support in the areas of school health services, supplementary counseling services, instructional technology upgrades, professional employment skills instruction and to purchase school committee approved capital items (which ultimately reduce annual capital budgetary requests to member communities).

While there is an array of challenging social, economic, and pandemic related issues that schools continue to face, Pathfinder Tech continues its commitment to offer a rigorous technical education while providing equally demanding academics. Through the use of data driven decision making, Pathfinder Tech has been able to reallocate and adjust its budget to the current needs of our student population. Through our ability to adapt, Pathfinder Tech continually meets its core objectives while being mindful of budget increases to ensure appropriate services based on state and local requirements. While budgetary challenges exist in the areas of technical supplies and materials costs, transportation costs, health insurance costs, retirement costs, and utility costs; we continually review current and future needs to realign resources in the most fiscally responsible manner. As an example, during contract negotiations in FY22, Pathfinder Tech and its multiple collective bargaining units were able to renegotiate our health insurance plan design and contribution rate in a manner that should minimize or negate health insurance budgetary increases for the next 3 to 5 years. Ultimately, Pathfinder Tech and its dedicated staff are committed to meeting the

educational, social and emotional needs of our students in order to give them a competitive advantage when they graduate from Pathfinder Tech for further educational or workforce opportunities.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM PATHFINDER TECH 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR: To kick off the new year, Pathfinder Tech released a Trimester Newsletter to all members of the communities we serve. Each academic and technical area was featured with articles and photographs. Newsletter releases continued after trimesters 2 and 3, and the second year of their release began at the close of the first trimester of the 2022-2023 school year.

With the arrival of spring, competition season began for several of our competitive student groups and culminated with state and national competition qualifications. Our rookie FIRST Robotics Competition (FRC) team proved to be a force to be reckoned with and made it to the national competition in Dallas, TX. The FRC robot was created through the efforts of eight (8) technical programs and 63 students. Also making it to the national level of competition were several students from Business Professionals of America and six (6) Pathfinder Tech students qualified to participate in the SkillsUSA National Competition in Atlanta, GA. Several members of our Horticulture program participated in the State level competition of Future Farmers of America.

The spring months of May and June were very busy. In partnership with the Palmer Police Department, Palmer Fire Department, Emergency Medical Services, LifeFlight Services, Beers and Story Funeral Home, and Palmer High School, two of our students participated in, and all of our grade 11 students viewed, a mock car crash staged in the front of Palmer High School. This important event realistically demonstrated what can happen to the victims of car crashes and helped to educate young people of the dangers and impacts of driving as a distracted driver or as a driver under the influence of a substance.

In May, Pathfinder Tech held its annual award events - induction into the National Technical Honor Society and the return of our in-person Annual Awards Night Celebration. Fifty-seven (57) students exemplified the qualities and attained the rigorous GPAs necessary for induction into NTHS. Also 141 awards were announced and distributed for academic and technical excellence during the Annual Awards Night Celebration

The Pathfinder Tech Class of 2022 participated in a joyous graduation ceremony on the sprawling campus front lawn on the evening of Friday, June 3rd. The beautiful, comprehensive graduation program booklet created by our Business Tech program featured 28 pages celebrating each individual graduate and their accomplishments and earned certifications.

The graduates lined up and proceeded down the front driveway in a dignified march to *Pomp and Circumstance*, passing by personalized graduation signs made specially for each graduate–a gift from the district. Pathfinder Tech's mathematics instructor Anastasia McWilliams opened the ceremony by singing the *National Anthem*, followed by opening remarks from Julie Quink, our School Committee Chairperson, Superintendent Eric Duda, and Assistant Superintendent/Principal Carrie Auffrey. Addresses by our Valedictorian Ethan Griswold, Salutatorian Catalina Mudgett, and Class President Trinity Demore provided inspiring words and glimpses of each student's personality.

We were delighted to also award 66 scholarships totaling more than $20,000 during the ceremony to deserving grads of our Class of 2022. In addition, five class members were identified as being recipients of the John & Abigail Adams Scholarship for outstanding performance on MCAS.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS: During 2022, a total of 58 students were employed as part of Pathfinder Tech's Cooperative Education Program and 34 students were employed through the WIOA program. These talented and well-trained students continue to be a highly valued resource to the local labor market.

Pathfinder Tech students thrive with hands-on learning opportunities, especially where they get to use their analytical skills in real-world experiences. Students access these experiences through the work request system, where Pathfinder Tech's member town municipalities and residents can submit requests for work to be completed at a fraction of the industry rates.

Throughout 2022, Pathfinder Tech received over 700 work requests for the year. Approximately 80% of the technical programs accept work requests from residents and municipalities from the nine member towns, however almost all of the programs provide services within the District, resulting in significant savings for taxpayers.

- The Automotive Technology program performed work on 257 vehicles, resulting in a savings of over $100k to community members, when compared to industry rates. The program also helped service the Palmer Police Department fleet of cruisers, providing a substantial savings to the town.
- The CAD/Pre-Engineering program performed a number of work requests, including a project to modify a motorized seat for a special needs child, as well as printing specialized 3D parts.
- The Carpentry program saved community members approximately $40k on projects, including a residential garage and a barn addition.
- The Collision Repair and Refinishing program saved community members approximately $20k through servicing 65 vehicles. This year, the program hosted its 29th annual Pathfinder Tech Car Show, awarding 40 trophies and plaques amongst 225 classic cars.
- The Cosmetology program serviced in-person clients. The program also hosted 20 senior citizens from the Palmer Senior Center at a special salon day event, where students provided haircuts for $3.
- The Culinary Arts program kicked off their new breakfast offering at their signature restaurant, Perso.
- The Electrical program completed approximately 25 community projects as well as a substantial number of electrical projects on the Pathfinder Tech campus.
- The Horticulture program held their annual spring plant sale, and their winter poinsettia and wreath sale. They also installed a low retaining wall around an improved seating area on the school property. Continuing with their tradition, the Horticulture program decorated Storrowtown Village with winter holiday greenery and décor that was typical of the colonial time period. In addition, they grew vegetables that were harvested by the Culinary Arts students and served at the school's restaurant. The program was selected to design interpretive floral displays for the Festival of Flowers at the Springfield Museum of Science

this past Spring. To round out their efforts for the year, they hosted several floral design classes for member town garden clubs.

- In the Fall of 2022, the Plumbing technical program expanded to include an additional staff member, which allows the program to take on outside work requests.
- The Programming and Web Development program hosted a technology recycling drive in the Fall in an aim to help both the environment member town residents remove unwanted technology clutter from their homes and businesses. In the Spring, students built new computers for use in the upper class portion of their technical area. The students researched and specified all of the necessary components for the build while working within a budget and saving the District a substantial amount of money. The build included assembling the computers and installing necessary software. Additionally, upper class students from the program serviced close to 625 help-desk tickets submitted by Pathfinder Tech staff and students. When they aren't servicing staff computers, the Programming & Web Development students are working on web design projects for outside customers.

SELECT STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

SPRING OF 2022

- A team of two Business Technology Freshmen placed second in the Junior Achievement of Western MA EnTEENpreneur Challenge Pitch Contest! The students created their own company and had 120 seconds to pitch their idea to the sharks (judges).
- All six Business Technology students who competed in the MA BPA State Leadership Conference placed and qualified to attend the national event. The Podcast Team placed 1st and the Global Marketing Team placed 2nd.

  Three students placed 1st in their individual computer events, and one placed 3rd. At the BPA National Leadership Conference in Dallas, TX, the Global Marketing Team placed 5th nationally.

- Cosmetology students passed State board exams at a 100% passing rate.
- Through the CAD/Pre-Engineering program, five students earned their Certified SolidWorks Associate certification, one student passed two out of three segments of the Certified SolidWorks Professional certification, and twelve students earned the Certified SolidWorks Associate-Additive Manufacturing certification.
- Three Health Assisting Juniors and two Seniors successfully passed the rigorous CNA exam.
- At the MA Future Farmers of America Competition, one student earned 1st place in Science Project - Food Systems, another student placed 2nd in Codit Demonstration, and another student received 3rd place in Chainsaw Demonstration.
- During the SkillsUSA MA State Leadership Conference, students brought home a total of 20 medals: 1st and 3rd in Automated Manufacturing Team, 1st in Power Equipment Technology, 1st in Mobile Robotics Technology Team, 2nd and 3rd in Collision Repair Technology, 2nd in Customer Service, 2nd in Diesel Equipment Technology, 3rd in Cosmetology, 3rd in Electronics Technology, 3rd in Health Knowledge Bowl, and 3rd in Plumbing.

SUMMER OF 2022

- Four Pathfinder Tech students competed at the SkillsUSA National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, GA. One student earned a bronze medal in Electronics Technology, a team of two students earned bronze medals in Mobile Robotics, and one student earned 10th place and a SkillsUSA Skills Point Award for meeting/exceeding industry standards in Collision Repair.

FALL OF 2022

- Four students from the Horticulture program competed in the FFA Floral Design competition at the Big E this year and took home 3rd, 8th, 10th, and 15th places.
- The Pathfinder Tech Freshman Class of 2026 celebrated the announcement of their technical program assignments during the first annual Pathfinder Tech Technical Program Signing Day. At this event, students signed a certificate attesting that they commit to learning the technical skills and demonstrating workplace professionalism in their technical program area.
- This Fall, approximately 40 Juniors and Seniors from the Carpentry, Horticulture, Electrical, HVAC and Plumbing programs participated in an intensive, week-long pre-apprenticeship training program from the New England Laborers Training Trust Fund. The intent of the program is to create a pipeline of tradesmen and women who are interested in establishing careers on MassDOT highway construction projects. During the program, students learned industry-specific skills (such as work zone safety, surface lining and grading, and construction math), participated in a hands-on concrete project, and also earned their CPR/First Aid and AED certifications. Several Pathfinder students were offered cooperative education jobs through local public works departments, and over 25% of participants were selected as top-performing students from throughout Massachusetts.
- A team of Business Technology students took home the 1st place trophy from the annual Junior Achievement of Western MA Stock Market Challenge. The student teams had $1 million to invest in a 60-round competition against teams from other schools around Western Massachusetts.

ATHLETICS: The Athletic Department continues to offer a no-fee program in which all students can participate without fees. The following sports were offered: baseball, basketball, cheerleading, football, golf, lacrosse, soccer, wrestling and softball. In addition, ice hockey was made available through a cooperative agreement with Amherst. Six students enrolled in this inaugural offering which became available in the fall of 2022.

CURRICULUM

- Students at Pathfinder Tech, and across the country, are still feeling the effects from the Global Pandemic. Data driven intervention models were still at the forefront for 2022. In conjunction with the Data Team, data from Progress reports, and Trimester reports were reviewed to address the high number of students that were failing courses. School vacation extra help was instituted in order to provide extra opportunities for students to make up missing work, or get extra help on particular assignments. All students were scheduled individually based on the courses where they needed help.

- Professional Development continued to be offered once per a month after school with a focus on best practices. During these sessions there are five different presentations for staff to choose from. Each of these sessions are led by a Pathfinder Tech staff member, so that the staff can learn from each other,

and share expertise in particular areas. The PDP's that staff receive for this and all other Professional Development that is delivered by the district is now tracked and distributed through TeachPoint.

- In Spring and Summer of 2022, a plan was developed to begin building a music program at Pathfinder Tech. A full-time music teacher was hired with a focus on Band, Instrumental Music, and Digital Music offerings for school year 2022- 2023. This is part of a larger fine arts initiative that was launched four years ago. Increasing offerings in fine arts for our students has been a focal point and proven to be a valuable educational initiative.

- Two new elective courses were offered during the 2022-2023 School Year which included Math in Sports, and Exploring Math Through Art. Courses offerings are being continuously considered and explored to best educate our students. We will continue to do so through content specific electives.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT: The staff in the Guidance Department continued to work on assisting students to be college and career ready through updating its curriculum and services in order to help students transition to post-secondary education or the workforce upon graduation. In addition, the counselors ensured that students had access to responsive services that assist them in addressing issues and concerns that interfered with their academic, personal, social or career development. The Guidance Department is also responsible for managing and overseeing the 504 Accommodation Plans, which service more than 50 students. This entails scheduling and managing meetings with teachers, students and families to update plans and make sure that the appropriate accommodations are in place and students are showing success.

STUDENT SERVICES: Pathfinder Tech's Student Services department oversees Special Education, Mental Health/Social Emotional Learning initiatives, and English Learners programming.

In the 2022 school year the department executed the Individual Education Plans (IEPs) of roughly 165 students. The dedicated staff of teachers, paraprofessionals, and student support personnel worked to improve their process of team meetings and IEP development.

In the area of Social Emotional Learning and Mental Health, the department moved into the second year of universal implementation of DBT: STEPS-A for 9th graders. A pilot program of Universal Mental Health screening for 9th-grade students was initiated at this time and will occur again prior to the completion of the 2021-2022 school year. The intention is that this initiative will inform a Tiered System of Social Emotional support for students beginning in the 2022-2023 school year and will be overseen by the MTSS coordinator. The department also partnered with Care Solace, an agency that acts as a liaison to connect members of the Pathfinder Tech community with the necessary mental health and substance abuse providers.

Currently Pathfinder Tech serves three English Learning students, and demographic trends indicate that this number will increase in the coming years. As such, the department submitted and had approved a complete program proposal for EL students from DESE.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS: Summer school in 2022 had participation from 53 Pathfinder Tech students and 50 out of district students. A total of 159 courses were taken by students from 9 different sending districts. Revenue generated from out of district students resulted in no charge for Pathfinder Tech students this year. Most of the funding for summer school teachers was grant funded. We also held in-person summer school courses for particular students that had low achievement throughout the year and needed extra remediation for English or Math courses.

The Pathfinder Tech Summer Youth Enrichment Program was in full swing this previous summer and enjoyed great success! Young students from local towns entering grades 4 through 8 participated in a variety of hands-on learning opportunities within 12 different technical programs as well as other exciting areas, such as biking, first responders, and arts & math! The sessions were held over a 3-week period during the month of July, with 292 spots filled over the 3 weeks.

ADULT EVENING COURSES

2022 marked the beginning of a bold step in the direction of Adult Evening Education with the addition of two new programs; Electrical and Plumbing. These programs are the start of a long-awaited, rewarding journey. These pilot programs, serving 24 adult learners, were developed in partnership with MassHire. All funding for this offering was secured through a competitive grant award though the Career Technical Initiative totaling approximately $280K in funding. The Electrical and Plumbing programs will run concurrently, with a start date of January, 2023 and a projected completion date of June, 2023. Each program will consist of 200 hours of classroom time and hands on experiences.
Each adult learner will get the opportunity to learn a large array of trade skills and gain certifications that will enable them to become immediately employable in these respective fields.

Adult evening education will be expanded in the coming months and years to include more offerings that will be of great benefit to the local community.

CONCLUDING STATEMENT: As Pathfinder Tech enters its 50th year offering high quality career and technical education to our member communities, the school committee wishes to reaffirm its pride in the staff and students. The committee wishes to thank our legislators, town officials, and the several town meetings for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

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Francesco Dell'Olio (Belchertown)
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Jeffrey Nelson (Oakham)
John Nason (Warren)
David Droz (Palmer), Vice Chairperson
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Ronald K. Valley, Jr., (Monson)
Martin Goulet (New Braintree)
Marie Barbara Ray (Ware)
Morgan Brown, Student Member

Eric Duda, Superintendent-Director

VETERANS' GRAVES

For the year 2022, all of Belchertown's Veteran's Graves were flagged just prior to Memorial Day. A special thank you is extended to American Legion Post 239 for their flagging assistance at Mt Hope cemetery, as well as a thank you to Local VFW Post 8428 for their flagging assistance at South cemetery.

Help was also provided by a smaller group of Belchertown volunteers who supported flagging at Lake Vale, Hillcrest, Rural and Dwight Cemeteries. Additional flagging was complied with for Veteran's Day on the Town Common.

This year I applied for and received a historic preservation grant from the Belchertown CPA Committee. The money was used for gravestone restoration at Mt. Hope and South cemeteries. As of 2022, 220 gravestones have been restored with CPA funds. .

Respectfully submitted,
Vincent Viglione, Veteran's Graves Officer
Kathleen M. Wood, Assistant Veteran's Graves Officer

VETERANS' SERVICE AGENT

The year 2022 continued with challenges the department was proud to overcome. I continued to flexibly adjust the way the office interacted with clients as well as the needs in the community. The year continued to provide many opportunities in providing State and Federal benefits to Veterans and their families due to the constantly changing economy and job market. The Veterans' Advisory Board appreciatively continued to provide valuable assistance to my office concerning Veterans' issues and planned Veteran activities in our Town. Additionally, the office continued to partner with local organizations and businesses to provide food and toiletries as well as holiday meals in November and December. I also was able to acquire and disseminate numerous winter coats and socks, gloves, scarves, slippers and hats. The small pantry outside my office for Veterans and their families remained stocked with donated hygiene and food items. Most of these items being donated by the community- mainly local residents, myself, schools and local organizations.

Future plans for 2023 would include: 1) Continue to network resources for our Veterans' and their families in times of crisis or unforeseen circumstances to include fuel resources, meals and alternate income resources; 2) Multiple public informational programs on Veteran topics concerning VA, State benefits, food security and elder care issues; and, 3) Further streamlining the process to file VA paperwork. My office will continue to work with Belchertown residents, organizations, and programs that support our Veterans and their families.

The VFW and my office are still actively accepting DD 214s to place qualified names on the Middle East War Memorial.

Please contact my office at 323-0409 if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,
Charly N. Oliva, MSW
Veterans' Agent

VETERANS' SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

During 2022, the Veterans' Services Advisory Board continued to be integral in assisting my office in efficiently planning various Belchertown Veterans' ceremonies safely while adhering to residual COVID-19 restrictions and precautions. In collaboration with the VSAB, my office was able to hold the Veterans' Day Ceremony as well as the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony in person safely and proficiently. Also, the VSAB continued to assist me with informing local Veterans' of available State and/or Federal veteran programs while maintaining safe distances and healthy protocols.

I wish to thank the Veterans and Select Board Members who serve on the Veterans' Services Advisory Board; your service to the Belchertown Veterans and my office is greatly appreciated. Additionally, I'd like to thank the Select Board and Advisory Board for their hard work in supporting my office through the pandemic.

Please contact my office at 323-0409 if you have any questions or concerns for the Veterans' Services Advisory Board.

Respectfully submitted,
Charly N. Oliva, MSW
Veterans' Agent

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

In the past year, the Board of Appeals received three applications for Variances and five Special Permit applications. Two variances were approved, and one variance application will continue into 2023. One Special Permit had been continued from 2021. One Special Permit was withdrawn and four special permits were granted.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jennifer Sharrow, Chair Person
Mark Hebert, Vice Chair
Brian Gibbons, Member
Wayne Versace, Associate Member
Dino Brunetti, Associate Member
Russell Sabadosa, Associate Member

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Balance Sheet - All Types, Funds, and Account Groups
for the Period Ended June 30, 2022

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise Funds	Fiduciary Trust Funds & Agency	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memo Only)
ASSETS							
Cash	5,124,259.95	7,171,296.99	2,260,017.76	1,086,477.82	3,445,749.03		19,087,801.55
Petty Cash Advance	165.00						165.00
Accounts Receivable:							
Property Taxes	276,635.88						276,635.88
Chapter 61	5,791.96						5,791.96
Excise Taxes	266,372.93						266,372.93
Tax Liens	329,451.97			13,865.11			343,317.08
Special Assessments	0.00			2,194,577.62			2,194,577.62
Departmental	895,391.98			372,233.41			1,267,625.39
Less Allow. for Uncollectible	(396,839.67)						(396,839.67)
Tax Foreclosures	89,111.40						89,111.40
Lieu Taxes	0.00						0.00
CPA/Stormwtr Surcharge Receivable		3,524.56		41,420.69			44,945.25
Due From Other Governments	175,433.90	(34,452.44)					140,981.46
Amt. To be Provided-Notes Payal	0.00	198,425.00					198,425.00
Amt. To be Provided-Pmt of Debt						9,232,598.51	9,232,598.51
Amt. To be Prov.-Comp. Absence						373,910.20	373,910.20
Total Assets	6,765,775.30	7,338,794.11	2,260,017.76	3,708,574.65	3,445,749.03	9,606,508.71	33,125,419.56
LIABILITIES							
Warrants Payable	494,877.35	569,629.08	194,688.76	85,128.72	8,253.40		1,352,577.31
Employee Withholdings	1,154,041.26						1,154,041.26
Deferred Revenue:							
Property Taxes	(252,942.02)						(252,942.02)
Chapter 61	5,791.96						5,791.96
Excise Taxes	266,372.93						266,372.93
Tax Liens	329,451.97			13,865.11			343,317.08
Special Assessments	0.00			2,194,577.62			2,194,577.62
Lieu Taxes	0.00						0.00
Departmental	895,391.98			372,233.41			1,267,625.39
Tax Foreclosures	89,111.40						89,111.40
CPA/Stormwtr Surcharge Receivable		2,472.54		41,420.69			43,893.23
Government Receivable	129,061.90	(34,452.44)					94,609.46
Grant Receivable							0.00
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable		198,425.00					198,425.00
Prepaid property taxes/CPA	132,738.23	1,052.02					
Unclaimed Checks	7,274.30						7,274.30
Excess on Land of Low Value	(6,536.80)						(6,536.80)
Bond Indebtedness						9,232,598.51	9,232,598.51
Compensated Absences						373,910.20	373,910.20
Total Liabilities	3,244,634.46	737,126.20	194,688.76	2,707,225.55	8,253.40	9,606,508.71	16,498,437.08
FUND EQUITY							
Reserve for Encumbrances	360,807.77	0.00		85,148.09			445,955.86
Reserve for Expenditures	697,488.00	157,234.67		233,398.00			1,088,120.67
Unreserved Fund Balance	2,462,845.07						2,462,845.07
Reserved Fund Balance		6,424,014.56	2,065,329.00	682,803.01	3,437,495.63		12,609,642.20
Title V Septic System Loan		20,417.88					20,417.88
Total Fund Equity	3,521,140.84	6,601,667.11	2,065,329.00	1,001,349.10	3,437,495.63	0.00	16,626,981.68
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	6,765,775.30	7,338,793.31	2,260,017.76	3,708,574.65	3,445,749.03	9,606,508.71	33,125,418.76

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
General Fund Balance Sheet
June 30, 2022

ASSETS		
Cash		5,124,259.95
Petty Cash Advance		165.00
Accounts Receivable:		
Property Taxes	276,635.88	
Chapter 61	5,791.96	
Excise Taxes	266,372.93	
Tax Liens	329,451.97	
Lieu Taxes	0.00	
Departmental	895,391.98	
Governmental Receivable-Veterans	129,061.90	
Less Allowance for Uncollectible	(396,839.67)	
		1,505,866.95
Due from Other Governments		46,372.00
Amount to be Provided for Notes Payable		0.00
Tax Foreclosure		89,111.40
Total Assets		6,765,775.30
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Warrants Payable		494,877.35
Employee Withholdings		1,154,041.26
Deferred Revenue:		
Property Taxes	(252,942.02)	
Chapter 61	5,791.96	
Excise Taxes	266,372.93	
Tax Liens	329,451.97	
Lieu Taxes	0.00	
Departmental	895,391.98	
Governmental Receivable-Veterans	129,061.90	
Tax Foreclosures	89,111.40	
		1,462,240.12
Prepaid property taxes		132,738.23
BANS Payable		0.00
Excess on Land of Low Value		(6,536.80)
Unclaimed Checks		7,274.30
Total Liabilities		3,244,634.46
FUND EQUITY		
Reserve for Expenditures		697,488.00
Reserve for Encumbrances		360,807.77
Unreserved Fund Balance		2,462,845.07
Total Fund Equity		3,521,140.84
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		6,765,775.30

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue - Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2022

	CPA	Highways	GRANTS Federal	GRANTS State	School Lunch	School Revolvings	Departmental	Totals (Memo Only)
ASSETS								
Cash	1,011,878.02	1,479.90	1,371,112.69	(195,575.19)	390,090.93	233,629.33	4,358,680.51	7,171,296.19
Petty Cash Advance								0.00
Due From Commonwealth		(34,452.44)						(34,452.44)
Amt to be Provided-Notes Payable	198,425.00							198,425.00
Surcharge Receivable (thru FY21)	3,524.56							3,524.56
Due from Federal Government								0.00
Total Assets	1,213,827.58	(32,972.54)	1,371,112.69	(195,575.19)	390,090.93	233,629.33	4,358,680.51	7,338,793.31
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY								
Liabilities:								
Warrants Payable	0.00	227,002.59	37,237.40	161,115.01	3,186.39	2,060.68	139,027.01	569,629.08
Deferred Rev - Gov't Receivable		(34,452.44)					0.00	(34,452.44)
Employee Withholdings								0.00
Bond Anticipation Note	198,425.00							198,425.00
Deferred Rev - Surcharge Rec'ble	2,472.54							2,472.54
Early pmt of '19 CPA Surcharge	1,052.02							1,052.02
Deferred Rev - Grant Receivable								0.00
Total Liabilities	201,949.56	192,550.15	37,237.40	161,115.01	3,186.39	2,060.68	139,027.01	737,126.20
Fund Equity:								
Desig. for Subs Years Expense	854,643.35	(225,522.69)	1,333,875.29	(356,690.20)	386,904.54	231,568.65	4,199,235.62	6,424,014.56
Reserve for Open Space	40,026.37							40,026.37
Reserve for Historic Resources	33,604.00							33,604.00
Reserve for Community Housing	83,604.30							83,604.30
Reserve for Encumbrance								0.00
Title V Septic System Loan							20,417.88	20,417.88
Total Fund Equity	1,011,878.02	(225,522.69)	1,333,875.29	(356,690.20)	386,904.54	231,568.65	4,219,653.50	6,601,667.11
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	1,213,827.58	(32,972.54)	1,371,112.69	(195,575.19)	390,090.93	233,629.33	4,358,680.51	7,338,793.31

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Capital Projects Fund
Combined Balance Sheet
June 30, 2022

	Capital Proj. /Equipment	Sewer upgrades	Energy Performance Contract	Totals (Memo. Only)
ASSETS				
Cash	2,035,808.11	224,209.65	0.00	2,260,017.76
WPAT Receivable		0.00		0.00
U.S.D.A. Grant Receivable		0.00		0.00
Amt. To be Prov. For Notes Pay				0.00
Total Assets	2,035,808.11	224,209.65	0.00	2,260,017.76
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY				
Liabilities:				
Warrants Payable	48,578.76	146,110.00		194,688.76
Deferred Rev.-WPAT Rec'ble				0.00
Deferred Rev.-USDA Grant				0.00
Bond Anticipation Note				0.00
Grant Anticipation Note Payable				0.00
Total Liabilities	48,578.76	146,110.00	0.00	194,688.76
Fund Equity:				
Reserved Fund Balance	1,987,229.35	78,099.65	0.00	2,065,329.00
Total Fund Equity	1,987,229.35	78,099.65	0.00	2,065,329.00
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	2,035,808.11	224,209.65	0.00	2,260,017.76

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Enterprise Funds - Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2022

	Sewer	Landfill	Stormwater	Totals (Memo. Only)
ASSETS				
Cash	640,642.15	206,062.74	239,772.93	1,086,477.82
Accounts Receivable:				
Sewer User Fees	372,233.41			372,233.41
Assessments	2,194,577.62			2,194,577.62
Tax Liens - Sewer	13,599.72		265.39	13,865.11
Stormwater Utility Fee			41,420.69	41,420.69
Total Assets	3,221,052.90	206,062.74	281,459.01	3,708,574.65
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY				
Liabilities:				
Warrants Payable	54,555.58	21,023.94	9,549.20	85,128.72
Deferred Revenue:				
Sewer User Fees	372,233.41			372,233.41
Assessments	2,194,577.62			2,194,577.62
Tax Liens	13,599.72		265.39	13,865.11
Stormwater			41,420.69	41,420.69
Total Liabilities	2,634,966.33	21,023.94	51,235.28	2,707,225.55
Fund Equity:				
Reserved for Expenditure	96,178.00	87,220.00	50,000.00	233,398.00
Reserved for Encumbrance	70,422.23	0.00	14,725.86	85,148.09
Retained Earnings	419,486.34	97,818.80	165,497.87	682,803.01
Total Fund Equity	586,086.57	185,038.80	230,223.73	1,001,349.10
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	3,221,052.90	206,062.74	281,459.01	3,708,574.65

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Fiduciary Funds
Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2022

	Expendable Trust Funds	Non-Expendable Trust Funds	Agency Funds	Totals (Memo. Only)
ASSETS				
Cash	2,459,196.31	729,997.83	256,554.89	3,445,749.03
Total Assets	2,459,196.31	729,997.83	256,554.89	3,445,749.03
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY				
Liabilities:				
Warrants Payable	0.00		8,253.40	8,253.40
Total Liabilities	0.00	0.00	8,253.40	8,253.40
Fund Equity:				
Fund Balances:				
Reserved	2,459,196.31	729,997.83	248,301.49	3,437,495.63
Total Fund Equity	2,459,196.31	729,997.83	248,301.49	3,437,495.63
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	2,459,196.31	729,997.83	256,554.89	3,445,749.03

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Long Term Debt Group
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2022

	Land-Everett Fuller, Toppin	Capital Projects 08	Sewer TriLakes #1 MWPAT	Sewer TriLakes #2 MWPAT	Sewer Jackson St MWPAT	Sewer Howard St MWPAT	Energy Savings Project	Route 181 Sewer Project	BSS Roadway	Patrick Center	Capital FY19 & 20	Unfunded Vacation Leave	Unfunded Sick Leave	Totals (Memo. Only)
ASSETS														
Amt to be Provided for payment of debt	45,000.00	140,000.00	240,000.00	508,023.93	553,212.58	266,362.00	1,085,000.00	150,000.00	825,000.00	75,000.00	5,345,000.00			9,232,598.51
Amt to be Provided for compensated absences												111,668.88	262,241.32	373,910.20
Total Assets	45,000.00	140,000.00	240,000.00	508,023.93	553,212.58	266,362.00	1,085,000.00	150,000.00	825,000.00	75,000.00	5,345,000.00	111,668.88	262,241.32	9,606,508.71
LIABILITIES														
Bond Indebtedness	45,000.00	140,000.00	240,000.00	508,023.93	553,212.58	266,362.00	1,085,000.00	150,000.00	825,000.00	75,000.00	5,345,000.00			9,232,598.51
Compensated Absences												111,668.88	262,241.32	373,910.20
Total Liabiliti	45,000.00	140,000.00	240,000.00	508,023.93	553,212.58	266,362.00	1,085,000.00	150,000.00	825,000.00	75,000.00	5,345,000.00	111,668.88	262,241.32	9,606,508.71

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance for Period Ended June 30, 2021

	GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS			ENTERPRISE FUNDS			FIDUCIARY TYPE (TRUSTS)		TOTALS
	General Fund	Special Rev.	Capital Funds	Sewer	Landfill	Stormwater	Expendable	Non-Expendable	(Memo. Only)
Revenue:									
Taxes	30,992,157.53								30,992,157.53
State Receipts	18,060,605.00								18,060,605.00
Excise Taxes	2,682,796.02								2,682,796.02
Lieu Taxes	332,315.06								332,315.06
Licenses & Permits	232,873.72								232,873.72
Interest	192,952.12	(20,005.88)					(83,711.62)		89,234.62
Fines & Forfeits	24,012.56								24,012.56
Departmental Revenue	492,245.56	3,554,844.66		1,718,210.44	406,470.90	383,496.84			6,555,268.40
Fees	67,388.00								67,388.00
Rentals	42,257.43								42,257.43
Umass Transit	29,588.00								29,588.00
Other Miscellaneous	470,869.17	135,157.83	529,281.16				590.00	7,000.00	1,142,898.16
Grants		7,763,901.57							7,763,901.57
Performance Guarantees		55,004.57							55,004.57
Gifts		94,248.76							94,248.76
Temporary Loans									0.00
MWPAT									0.00
Bond Proceeds		198,425.00	5,345,000.00						5,543,425.00
Total Revenues	53,620,060.17	11,781,576.51	5,874,281.16	1,718,210.44	406,470.90	383,496.84	(83,121.62)	7,000.00	73,707,974.40
Expenditures:									
General Government	2,100,837.26	2,263,864.53							4,364,701.79
Protection of Persons & Property	4,837,217.22	1,264,786.10							6,102,003.32
Education	31,713,110.17	4,650,073.65					5,100.00		36,368,283.82
Public Works	2,840,983.25	958,641.93		1,022,940.60	404,027.39	266,599.86	49.97		5,493,243.00
Human Services	982,520.71	201,850.22					8,785.09		1,193,156.02
Culture & Recreation	911,802.46	444,415.72							1,356,218.18
Insurance & Unclassified	5,700,858.29								5,700,858.29
Debt & Interest	2,141,756.00		63,046.16	422,077.80					2,626,879.96

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance for Period Ended June 30, 2021

	GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS			ENTERPRISE FUNDS			FIDUCIARY TYPE		TOTALS
	General Fund	Special Rev.	Capital Funds	Sewer	Landfill	Stormwater	Expendable	Non-Expendable	(Memo. Only)
Expenditures (continued):									
State Assessments	1,651,746.00								1,651,746.00
Prior Year Expenditures	1,075,388.94			47,798.13	0.00				1,123,187.07
Land Purchase									0.00
Construction			416,169.02						416,169.02
Equipment			1,988,142.58						1,988,142.58
Return of Unexpended Funds									0.00
Temporary Loan			1,785,000.00						1,785,000.00
Total Expenditures	53,956,220.30	9,783,632.15	4,252,357.76	1,492,816.53	404,027.39	266,599.86	13,935.06	0.00	70,169,589.05
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(336,160.13)	1,997,944.36	1,621,923.40	225,393.91	2,443.51	116,896.98	(97,056.68)	7,000.00	3,538,385.35
Other Financing Sources (Uses):									
Operating Transfers In	1,174,129.69	4,523.70	385,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,563,653.39
Operating Transfers Out	164,523.70	987,001.17	12,128.52	225,000.00	0.00	0.00	175,000.00	0.00	1,563,653.39
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	1,009,605.99	(982,477.47)	372,871.48	(225,000.00)	0.00	0.00	(175,000.00)	0.00	(0.00)
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Fin. Uses	673,445.86	1,015,466.89	1,994,794.88	393.91	2,443.51	116,896.98	(272,056.68)	7,000.00	3,538,385.35
Audit Adjustment *									0.00
Fund Balance 7-1-21	2,847,694.98	5,834,525.41	70,534.12	585,692.66	182,595.29	113,326.75	2,731,252.99	722,997.83	13,088,620.03
Fund Balance 6-30-22	3,521,140.84	6,849,992.30	2,065,329.00	586,086.57	185,038.80	230,223.73	2,459,196.31	729,997.83	16,627,005.38

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
General Fund
Statement of Revenue, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2022

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Taxes	30,937,000.00	30,992,157.53	55,157.53
State Receipts	17,991,929.00	18,060,605.00	68,676.00
Excise Taxes	1,998,200.00	2,682,796.02	684,596.02
Lieu Taxes	335,000.00	332,315.06	(2,684.94)
Licenses & Permits	278,000.00	232,873.72	(45,126.28)
Interest	198,500.00	192,952.12	(5,547.88)
Fines & Forfeits	21,500.00	24,012.56	2,512.56
Departmental Revenue	379,500.00	492,245.56	112,745.56
Fees	68,000.00	67,388.00	(612.00)
Rentals	41,000.00	42,257.43	1,257.43
Umass Transit	27,000.00	29,588.00	2,588.00
Other (Misc + Mema)	47,200.00	470,869.17	423,669.17
Temporary Loans	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenues	52,322,829.00	53,620,060.17	1,297,231.17
Expenditures:			
General Government	2,218,119.00	2,100,837.26	117,281.74
Protection of Persons & Property	4,955,224.00	4,837,217.22	118,006.78
Education	31,945,887.00	31,713,110.17	232,776.83
Public Works	2,974,645.00	2,840,983.25	133,661.75
Human Services	1,020,415.00	982,520.71	37,894.29
Culture & Recreation	918,310.00	911,802.46	6,507.54
Insurance & Unclassified	5,728,356.00	5,700,858.29	27,497.71
Debt & Interest	2,301,756.00	2,141,756.00	160,000.00
State Assessments	1,749,810.00	1,651,746.00	98,064.00
Prior Year Expenditures	1,175,297.92	1,075,388.94	99,908.98
Temporary Loans	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenditures	54,987,819.92	53,956,220.30	1,031,599.62
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		(336,160.13)	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Operating Transfers In	1,145,600.00	1,174,129.69	
Operating Transfers Out	4,500.00	164,523.70	
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	1,141,100.00	1,009,605.99	
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Financing Uses		673,445.86	
Fund Balance 7/1/21		2,847,694.98	
Fund Balance 6/30/22		3,521,140.84	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue Fund
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2022

	CPA	Highways	GRANTS Federal	GRANTS State	GRANTS School Lunch	School Revolvings	Departmental	Agency Funds	Totals (Memo Only)
Revenues:									
Grants	125,773.00	521,732.14	3,145,778.06	1,422,883.54	1,208,519.43		1,339,215.40		7,763,901.57
Collections & Fees	305,916.53		38,905.74	0.00	71,203.33	233,087.40	2,569,005.54	336,726.12	3,554,844.66
Interest	(19,378.31)			(560.25)	38.20		(137.81)	32.29	(20,005.88)
Performance Guarantees								55,004.57	55,004.57
Gifts			4,396.70	8,088.00			81,764.06		94,248.76
Temporary Loans	**198,425.00**								198,425.00
Other					124.42			135,033.41	135,157.83
Total Revenues	610,736.22	521,732.14	3,189,080.50	1,430,411.29	1,279,885.38	233,087.40	3,989,847.19	526,796.39	11,781,576.51
Expenditures:									
General Government	480,358.12			1,426,499.53			306,217.98	50,788.90	2,263,864.53
Protection of Persons & Property			305,260.64	130,508.18			545,472.22	283,545.06	1,264,786.10
Education			1,764,352.74	81,013.17	1,071,938.35	203,665.73	1,396,673.81	132,429.85	4,650,073.65
Department of Public Works		752,963.85	86,769.00	96,085.00			7,774.08	15,050.00	958,641.93
Human Services			154,628.56	25,771.68			21,449.98	0.00	201,850.22
Culture & Recreation				56,390.92			388,024.80	0.00	444,415.72
Debt & Interest									0.00
Total Expenditures	480,358.12	752,963.85	2,311,010.94	1,816,268.48	1,071,938.35	203,665.73	2,665,612.87	481,813.81	9,783,632.15
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	130,378.10	(231,231.71)	878,069.56	(385,857.19)	207,947.03	29,421.67	1,324,234.32	44,982.58	1,997,944.36
Other Financing Sources (Uses):									
Operating Transfers In				4,500.00					4,500.00
Operating Transfers Out				0.00			987,001.17		987,001.17
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,500.00	0.00	0.00	(987,001.17)	0.00	(982,501.17)

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Special Revenue Fund
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for Period Ended June 30, 2022

	CPA	Highways	GRANTS Federal	GRANTS State	GRANTS School Lunch	School Revolvings	Departmental	Agency Funds	Totals (Memo Only)
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Financ. Uses	130,378.10	(231,231.71)	878,069.56	(381,357.19)	207,947.03	29,421.67	337,233.15	44,982.58	1,015,443.19
Audit Adjustments									0.00
Balance 7-1-21	881,499.92	5,709.02	455,805.73	24,666.99	178,957.51	202,146.98	3,882,420.35	203,318.91	5,834,525.41
Balance 6-30-22	1,011,878.02	(225,522.69)	1,333,875.29	(356,690.20)	386,904.54	231,568.65	4,219,653.50	248,301.49	6,849,968.60

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Capital Projects Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2022

	WWTP & Other Sewer	Energy Performance Contract	Captial Projects & Equip	Totals (Memo. Only)
Revenues:				
Interest				$0.00
MWPAT				$0.00
USDA Grant				$0.00
USDA Loan				$0.00
Premium on bond			$529,281.16	$529,281.16
Temporary Loans				$0.00
Bond Proceeds			5,345,000.00	$5,345,000.00
Total Revenue	0.00	0.00	5,874,281.16	$5,874,281.16
Expenditures:				
Construction	$146,110.00		$270,059.02	$416,169.02
Equipment			$1,988,142.58	$1,988,142.58
Return of Unexpended Funds				$0.00
Debt issuance costs - premium			$63,046.16	$63,046.16
Principal paydown - premium				$0.00
Temporary Loans			$1,785,000.00	$1,785,000.00
Total Expenditures	$146,110.00	$0.00	$4,106,247.76	$4,252,357.76
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	($146,110.00)	$0.00	$1,768,033.40	$1,621,923.40
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Operating Transfers In	$225,000.00		$160,000.00	$385,000.00
Operation Transfers Out		-$12,128.52	$0.00	($12,128.52)
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	$225,000.00	($12,128.52)	$160,000.00	$372,871.48
Excess Revenues & Other Finan Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Finan Uses	$78,890.00	($12,128.52)	$1,928,033.40	$1,994,794.88
Fund Balance 7-1-21	($790.35)	$12,128.52	$59,195.95	$70,534.12
Fund Balance 6-30-22	$78,099.65	$0.00	$1,987,229.35	$2,065,329.00

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Sewer Enterprise Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for the Period Ended June 30, 2022

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenue:			
User Fees	1,431,937.00	1,568,597.62	136,660.62
Sewer Assessments	124,500.00	137,112.82	12,612.82
Sewer Connections	0.00	12,500.00	12,500.00
Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenue	1,556,437.00	1,718,210.44	161,773.44
Expenditures:			
Environmental	1,338,337.00	1,022,940.60	315,396.40
Debt & Interest	422,079.00	422,077.80	1.20
Prior Year Expenditures	60,535.63	47,798.13	12,737.50
Total Expenditures	1,820,951.63	1,492,816.53	328,135.10
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		225,393.91	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Operating Transfers In	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating Transfers Out	(225,000.00)	(225,000.00)	0.00
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	225,000.00	(225,000.00)	0.00
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing (Uses)		393.91	
Fund Balance 7/1/21		585,692.66	
Fund Balance 6/30/22		586,086.57	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Landfill Enterprise Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ending June 30, 2022

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenue:			
User Fees	337,305.00	400,996.00	63,691.00
Sale of Recycling	3,000.00	5,474.90	2,474.90
Total Revenue	340,305.00	406,470.90	66,165.90
Expenditures:			
Environmental	404,383.00	404,027.39	355.61
Prior Year Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hazardous Waste			
Total Expenditures	404,383.00	404,027.39	355.61
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		2,443.51	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Operating Transfers In	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating Transfers Out	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing (Uses)		2,443.51	
Fund Balance 7/1/21		182,595.29	
Fund Balance 6/30/22		185,038.80	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Stormwater Enterprise Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ending June 30, 2022

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenue:			
User Fees	337,305.00	383,496.84	46,191.84
Total Revenue	337,305.00	383,496.84	46,191.84
Expenditures:			
Environmental	337,305.00	266,599.86	70,705.14
Prior Year Expenditures			
Total Expenditures	337,305.00	266,599.86	70,705.14
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		116,896.98	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Operating Transfers In	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating Transfers Out	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing (Uses)		116,896.98	
Fund Balance 7/1/21		113,326.75	
Fund Balance 6/30/22		230,223.73	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Non-Expendable Trust Funds
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
June 30, 2022

	Balance 7/1/2021	Additions	Transfers In/(Out)	Balance 6/30/2022
Poor Funds:				
Susan M. D. Bridgman	512,860.69			512,860.69
Whiting Street	10,000.00			10,000.00
School Funds:				
George W. Longley Music	2,000.00			2,000.00
Calvin Bridgman High School	6,000.00			6,000.00
Library Fund:				
Calvin Bridgman Library	4,000.00			4,000.00
Town Clock Fund:				
Fank Scialla Memorial	2,100.00			2,100.00
Senior Center Fund:				
Senior Center Memorial	0.00			0.00
Penson Fund:				
Pensions	0.00			0.00
Retirement Trust	0.00			0.00
Cemetery Funds:				
Perpetual Care	183,037.14	7,000.00		190,037.14
Susan M. D. Bridgman	200.00			200.00
Nellie E. Brown	1,000.00			1,000.00
Willard Stebbins	1,500.00			1,500.00
Vianna E. Somes	300.00			300.00
	722,997.83	7,000.00		729,997.83

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Expendable Trust Funds
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance For Period Ended June 30, 2022

	Balance 7/1/2021	Additions	Income	Expended	Transferred In/(Out)	Reserved	Undes Fund Balance	Balance 6/30/2022
Poor Funds:								
Susan M. D. Bridgman	$280,628.67		$1,421.01	$8,785.09			$273,264.59	$273,264.59
Whiting Street	$62,268.84		($1,692.10)				$60,576.74	$60,576.74
School Funds:								
George W. Longley Music	$6,546.82		($200.12)				$6,346.70	$6,346.70
Calvin Bridgman High School	$19,361.16		($593.76)				$18,767.40	$18,767.40
Lillian Moffatt Scholarship	$59,745.78		($1,385.88)	$5,000.00			$53,359.90	$53,359.90
C. Schott Memorial Scholarsh	$8,153.92		($190.91)				$7,963.01	$7,963.01
Shumway Scholarship	$1,826.87		($42.49)	$100.00			$1,684.38	$1,684.38
Library Fund:								
Calvin Bridgman Library	$3,198.89		($168.54)				$3,030.35	$3,030.35
Town Clock Fund:								
Fank Scialla Memorial	$4,983.56		($165.83)				$4,817.73	$4,817.73
Senior Center Fund:								
Senior Center Memorial	$83,484.16	$590.00	($1,947.07)				$82,127.09	$82,127.09
Cemetery Funds:								
Perpetual Care	$73,332.66		($3,398.76)				$69,933.90	$69,933.90
Susan M.D. Bridgman	$1,745.76		($45.53)				$1,700.23	$1,700.23
Nellie E. Brown	$2,204.51		($75.10)	$49.97			$2,079.44	$2,079.44
Willard Stebbins	$3,054.69		($106.62)				$2,948.07	$2,948.07
Vianna E. Somes	$3,186.30		($81.60)				$3,104.70	$3,104.70
Pension Fund	$0.00						$0.00	$0.00
Retirement Trust	$0.00						$0.00	$0.00
Conservation Fund	$1,025.46		($23.98)				$1,001.48	$1,001.48
OPEB Liability Trust	$221,063.24		($33,560.45)				$187,502.79	$187,502.79
Stabilization Fund	$1,746,469.61		($40,436.13)		($175,000.00)		$1,531,033.48	$1,531,033.48
Workers' Compensation Fund	$148,972.09		($1,017.76)				$147,954.33	$147,954.33
	$2,731,252.99	$590.00	($83,711.62)	$13,935.06	($175,000.00)	$0.00	$2,459,196.31	$2,459,196.31

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Amortization Schedule
June 30, 2022

	Principal	Interest	Total
2023	1,206,901.17	292,068.11	1,498,969.28
2024	1,219,162.59	238,881.67	1,458,044.26
2025	830,062.17	204,434.96	1,034,497.13
2026	822,488.37	170,422.83	992,911.20
2027	814,963.04	136,726.93	951,689.97
2028	537,487.17	109,395.55	646,882.72
2029	434,903.00	89,346.65	524,249.65
2030	435,507.00	70,392.55	505,899.55
2031	431,124.00	56,126.24	487,250.24
2032	395,000.00	46,915.00	441,915.00
2033	285,000.00	39,640.00	324,640.00
2034	285,000.00	33,940.00	318,940.00
2035	265,000.00	28,440.00	293,440.00
2036	265,000.00	23,140.00	288,140.00
2037	265,000.00	17,840.00	282,840.00
2038	180,000.00	13,390.00	193,390.00
2039	170,000.00	9,890.00	179,890.00
2040	130,000.00	6,825.00	136,825.00
2041	130,000.00	4,095.00	134,095.00
2042	130,000.00	1,365.00	131,365.00
	7,127,598.51	1,414,710.49	8,100,394.00

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FISCAL REAL ESTATE 2020				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2021			$	20,019.27
TO TAX TITLE	$	57.71		
COLLECTED	$	19,961.56		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2022	$	-		
	$	20,019.27	$	20,019.27
FISCAL REAL ESTATE 2021				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2021			$	237,487.01
REFUNDED			$	2,332.26
TO TAX TITLE	$	11,213.75		
COLLECTED	$	200,534.29		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2022	$	28,071.23		
	$	239,819.27	$	239,819.27
FISCAL REAL ESTATE 2022				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2021			$	14,655,800.59
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	15,492,717.90
REFUNDED			$	142,990.12
TO TAX TITLE	$	64,146.33		
ABATED	$	163,792.51		
COLLECTED	$	29,827,068.97		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2022	$	236,500.80		
	$	30,291,508.61	$	30,291,508.61
FISCAL REAL ESTATE 2023				
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	15,180,967.98
COLLECTED	$	127,948.17		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2022	$	15,053,019.81		
	$	15,180,967.98	$	15,180,967.98
REAL ESTATE NEW CONN 2021				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2021			$	2,728.74
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	17,212.98
COLLECTED	$	19,861.28		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2022	$	80.44		
	$	19,941.72	$	19,941.72
REAL ESTATE NEW CONN 2022				
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	66,170.21
COLLECTED	$	64,669.57		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2022	$	1,500.64		
	$	66,170.21	$	66,170.21
CPA 2020				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2021			$	27.20
COLLECTED	$	27.20		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2022	$	-		
	$	27.20	$	27.20
CPA 2021				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2021			$	1,471.78
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	229.00
TO TAX TITLE	$	45.91		
COLLECTED	$	1,522.16		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2022	$	132.71		
	$	1,700.78	$	1,700.78
FISCAL 2021 PERS PROP				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2021			$	8,832.78
ABATED	$	2,665.49		
COLLECTED	$	3,539.36		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2022	$	2,627.93		
	$	8,832.78	$	8,832.78
FISCAL 2022 PERS PROP				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2021			$	363,929.27
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	424,552.63
REFUNDED			$	4,513.54
COLLECTED	$	789,249.65		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2022	$	3,745.79		
	$	792,995.44	$	792,995.44

CPA 2022				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2021			$	145,155.16
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	161,951.89
REFUNDED			$	130.17
TO TAX TITLE	$	534.15		
ABATED	$	2,510.09		
COLLECTED	$	302,445.05		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2022	$	1,747.93		
	$	307,237.22	$	307,237.22
CPA 2023				
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	154,343.98
COLLECTED	$	1,052.02		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2022	$	153,291.96		
	$	154,343.98	$	154,343.98
2021 SEWER CHARGES				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2021			$	347,647.38
REFUNDED			$	6,376.43
TO LIEN	$	38,346.97		
COLLECTED	$	315,676.84		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2022	$	-		
	$	354,023.81	$	354,023.81
2021 SEWER LIENS				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2021			$	2,597.28
COLLECTED	$	2,597.28		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2022	$	-		
	$	2,597.28	$	2,597.28
2022 SEWER CHARGE				
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	1,576,838.18
REFUNDED			$	63.08
COLLECTED	$	1,206,348.26		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2022	$	370,553.00		
	$	1,576,901.26	$	1,576,901.26
2022 SEWER LIENS				
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	42,336.72
COLLECTED	$	40,656.31		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2022	$	1,680.41		
	$	42,336.72	$	42,336.72
FISCAL 2018 PERS PROP				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2021			$	1,829.91
COLLECTED	$	592.90		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2022	$	1,237.01		
	$	1,829.91	$	1,829.91
FISCAL 2019 PERS PROP				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2021			$	2,637.28
ABATED	$	883.32		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2022	$	1,753.96		
	$	2,637.28	$	2,637.28
FISCAL 2020 PERS PROP				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2021			$	4,590.14
ABATED	$	1,871.33		
COLLECTED	$	19.65		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2022	$	2,699.16		
	$	4,590.14	$	4,590.14
2019 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2021			$	11,531.86
REFUNDED			$	23.86
ABATED	$	104.17		
COLLECTED	$	3,678.43		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2022	$	7,773.12		
	$	32,642.29	$	32,642.29
2020 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2021			$	25,262.49
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$	5.37
REFUNDED			$	1,002.66
ABATED	$	1,874.53		
COLLECTED	$	13,064.63		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2022	$	11,331.36		

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COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		$ 413,875.00	
COLLECTED	$ 4,790.06		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2022	$ 409,084.94		
	$ 413,875.00	$ 413,875.00	
2021 STORMWATER			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2021		$ 36,917.07	
REFUNDED		$ 153.40	
COLLECTED	$ 27,979.27		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2022	$ 9,091.20		
	$ 37,070.47	$ 37,070.47	
2022 STORMWATER LIEN			
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		$ 15,541.63	
TO TAX TITLE	$ 265.39		
ABATED	$ 66.36		
COLLECTED	$ 13,682.05		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2022	$ 1,527.83		
	$ 15,541.63	$ 15,541.63	
2022 STORMWATER			
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		$ 385,979.33	
REFUNDED		$ 2,073.19	
ABATED	$ 2,008.59		
COLLECTED	$ 355,242.27		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2022	$ 30,801.66		
	$ 388,052.52	$ 388,052.52	
2017 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE			
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2021		$ 9,286.36	
ABATED	$ 81.25		
COLLECTED	$ 661.88		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2022	$ 8,543.23		
	$ 9,286.36	$ 9,286.36	
2018 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2021		$ 11,370.65	
ABATED	$ 81.25		
COLLECTED	$ 1,271.90		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2022	$ 10,017.51		
	$ 15,059.53	$ 15,059.53	
COMSTAR			
AMBULANCE ACCOUNT			
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2021			752615.55
COMMITTED FOR COLL			3668303.25
REFUNDED		$ 884.85	
ABATED	$ 2,556,168.32		
COLLECTED	$ 971,824.43		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2022	$ 893,810.90		
	$ 3,526,337.60	$ 3,526,337.60	

2021 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2021			$ 486,691.14
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$ 235,161.95
REFUNDED			$ 22,755.37
ABATED	$ 38,754.45		
COLLECTED	$ 678,720.51		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2022	$ 27,133.50		
	$ 2,109,661.29	$ 2,109,661.29	
2022 MOTOR VEHICLE			
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$ 2,185,056.51
REFUNDED			$ 14,718.27
ABATED	$ 83,141.95		
COLLECTED	$ 1,915,058.62		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2022	$ 201,574.21		
	$ 2,199,774.78	$ 2,199,774.78	
2022 TRI-LAKES BETT			
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$ 121,923.64
TO TAX TITLE	$ 667.36		
COLLECTED	$ 120,834.81		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2022	$ 421.47		
	$ 121,923.64	$ 121,923.64	
TRI LAKES ASSESSMENT			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2021			$ 373,701.63
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION			$ 45.87
APPORTIONED FY22 RE	$ 120,122.21		
COLLECTED	$ 16,010.87		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2022	$ 237,614.42		
	$ 373,747.50	$ 373,747.50	
MISCELLANEOUS REC.			
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2021			$ 5,791.96
COMMITTED			$ 46,958.67
COLLECTED	$ 46,958.67		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2022	$ 5,791.96		
	$ 75,497.06	$ 75,497.06	

TOWN AND TAX COLLECTOR		
JULY 1, 2021- JUNE 30,2022		
TOTAL COLLECTIONS		$ 36,271,535.02
AMBULANCE ACCT		$ 971,824.43
	TOTAL	$ 37,243,359.45
TAXES,LIENS,EXCISES		$ 35,804,649.20
INTEREST/FEES		$ 156,019.79
SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS		$ 5,438.71
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT/INT		$ 305,427.32
AMBULANCE ACCT		$ 971,824.43
	TOTAL	$ 37,243,359.45

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
LISA M BANNER

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER
JULY 1, 2021- JUNE 30,2022

CASH ON HAND 6/30/2020	$	14,825,395.90	PAYMENTS AS AUTHORIZED	$	79,846,285.87
RECEIPTS	$	84,108,690.72	CASH ON HAND 6/30/2022	$	19,087,800.75
	$	98,934,086.62		$	98,934,086.62

INTEREST INCOME FROM SAVINGS DEPOSITS, INVESTMENTS, BUT EXCLUDING TRUST FUNDS, SPECIAL ACCTS & STABILIZATION FUND $ 58,067.79

ACCOUNT	TRUST FUNDS BALANCE 7/1/2021	AND DEPOSITS	SPECIAL ACCOUNTS INTEREST & DIVIDENDS	TRANSFERS&W/D	BALANCE 6/30/2022
SCHOOL FUNDS					
C. BRIDGMAN (H.S.)	$ 25,361.16		$ (593.76)		$ 24,767.40
GEORGE LONGLEY	$ 8,546.82		$ (200.12)		$ 8,346.70
TAX SCHOLARSHIP	$ 23,903.03	$ 5,438.71	$ 22.89	$ (4,500.00)	$ 24,864.63
LILLIAN MOFFATT SCHOLARSHIP	$ 59,745.78		$ (1,385.88)	$ (5,000.00)	$ 53,359.90
CAROLYN SCHOTT SCHOLARSHIP	$ 8,153.92		$ (190.91)	$ -	$ 7,963.01
SHUMWAY SCHOLARSHIP	$ 1,826.87		$ (42.49)	$ (100.00)	$ 1,684.38
CEMETERY FUNDS					
SUSAN BRIDGMAN	$ 1,945.76		$ (45.53)		$ 1,900.23
WILLARD STEBBINS	$ 4,554.69		$ (106.62)		$ 4,448.07
VIANNA SOMES	$ 3,486.30		$ (81.60)		$ 3,404.70
NELLIE BROWN	$ 3,204.51		$ (75.10)	$ (49.97)	$ 3,079.44
PERPETUAL CARE	$ 256,369.80	$ 6,550.00	$ (3,398.76)	$ -	$ 259,521.04
POOR FUNDS					
SUSAN BRIDGMAN	$ 793,489.36	$ -	$ 1,421.01	$ (8,785.09)	$ 786,125.28
WHITING STREET	$ 72,268.84		$ (1,692.10)		$ 70,576.74
MISC FUNDS					
F. SCIALLA (CLOCK)	$ 7,083.56		$ (165.83)		$ 6,917.73
C. BRIDGMAN (LIBRARY)	$ 7,198.89		$ (168.54)		$ 7,030.35
CONSERVATION	$ 1,025.46		$ (23.98)		$ 1,001.48
SENIOR CENTER	$ 83,384.16	$ 690.00	$ (1,947.07)		$ 82,127.09
STABILIZATION FUND	$ 1,746,469.61		$ (40,436.13)	$ (175,000.00)	$ 1,531,033.48
WORKERS COMPENSATION TRUST	$ 148,972.09		$ (1,017.76)		$ 147,954.33
DRUG FORFEITURE ACCOUNT	$ 6,725.72	$ 1,809.10	$ (160.70)	$ (1,210.00)	$ 7,164.12
CULTURAL COUNCIL	$ 19,277.49	$ 23,763.00	$ (560.25)	$ (15,408.98)	$ 27,071.26
OPEB	$ 221,063.24		$ (33,560.45)		$ 187,502.79
TOTALS	**$ 3,504,057.06**	**$ 38,250.81**	**$ (84,409.68)**	**$ (210,054.04)**	**$ 3,247,844.15**

FOOTNOTE: It is the policy of this office based on the request of the Town's financial audit firm that we record to the market values of the investments in our portfolio.
Position and account values shown are based on trade date and
do not necessarily reflect the actual current market prices or redemption value at the time of sale.
Over 87% of the Town's investments are held in fixed income products and all investments are made in compliance of M.G.L. Ch. 44, Sec. 54, Sec. 55, 55B and M.G.L. Ch. 32B, Sec 20

FUNDS BORROWED DURING THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2021- JUNE 30, 2022

NOTE & PURPOSE	FROM	DATED	AMOUNT	DUE DATE	INTEREST RATE
FY2019 & FY2022 Capital Projects Bond	FHN Financial Capital Markets	10/28/2021	$ 5,345,000.00	10/15/2041	1.55%
State House Note #1004 Conservation Land Acq	Greenfield Cooperative Bank	3/25/2022	$ 198,425.00	3/24/2023	0.78%

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
LISA M BANNER
TOWN TREASURER

TOWN CLERK
2022 FINANCIAL REPORT

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
B-M-D CERTIFIED COPY	$1,160.00	$870.00	$1,530.00	$1,020.00	$930.00	$1,622.00	$1,000.00	$890.00	$1,190.00	$850.00	$270.00	$900.00	**$12,232.00**
MARRIAGE INTENTIONS	$60.00	$30.00	$120.00	$120.00	$150.00	$250.00	$180.00	$300.00	$180.00	$150.00	$30.00	$90.00	**$1,660.00**
BOARD OF APPEALS	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$300.00	$0.00	**$300.00**
BURIAL PERMIT	$90.00	$30.00	$120.00	$30.00	$60.00	$90.00	$30.00	$60.00	$75.00	$30.00	$30.00	$15.00	**$660.00**
BUSINESS REGISTRATION	$720.00	$450.00	$440.00	$320.00	$360.00	$880.00	$360.00	$680.00	$440.00	$360.00	$80.00	$440.00	**$5,530.00**
CIVIL DISPOSITION MGL94C	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$10.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	**$10.00**
DOG FINES	$116.00	$1,563.00	$3,037.00	$1,638.00	$780.00	$150.00	$750.00	$100.00	$50.00	$0.00	$0.00	$515.00	**$8,699.00**
ANIMAL CONTROL FEES	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	**$0.00**
DOG LICENSE	$6,872.00	$7,658.00	$2,188.00	$787.00	$537.00	$0.00	$681.00	$323.00	$176.00	$84.00	$201.00	$9,255.00	**$28,762.00**
DOG GIFT FUND	$0.00	$6.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$281.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	**$287.00**
DOG LICENSE POSTAGE	$338.00	$391.00	$137.00	$39.00	$24.00	$6.00	$39.00	$14.00	$9.00	$3.00	$6.00	$558.00	**$1,564.00**
FUEL/GAS REGISTRATION	$0.00	$1,375.00	$325.00	$650.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	**$2,350.00**
PLANNING BOARD FEE	$125.00	$475.00	$370.00	$400.00	$125.00	$575.00	$600.00	$600.00	$250.00	$50.00	$125.00	$1,150.00	**$4,845.00**
POLE ORDER	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$60.00	$60.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	**$120.00**
RAFFLE PERMIT	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$30.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$30.00	$60.00	$45.00	$15.00	$0.00	**$180.00**
STREET LIST BK/DISK	$0.00	$20.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$160.00	$60.00	$0.00	$20.00	$0.00	$0.00	**$260.00**
ZONING/SUBDIVISION BKS	$0.00	$0.00	$300.00	$150.00	$150.00	$150.00	$0.00	$0.00	$125.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	**$875.00**
MSC SALES (Home Occupancy Zoning Permits)	$0.00	$0.00	$30.00	$0.00	$15.00	$65.00	$0.00	$15.00	$0.00	$0.00	$15.00	$0.00	**$140.00**
TOTAL	**$9,481.00**	**$12,868.00**	**$8,597.00**	**$5,244.00**	**$3,191.00**	**$4,069.00**	**$3,800.00**	**$3,072.00**	**$2,565.00**	**$1,592.00**	**$1,072.00**	**$12,923.00**	**$68,474.00**

Respectfully Submitted,
Theresa A. Camerlin
Town Clerk

TOWN CLERK
2022 VITAL STATISTICS

Births:

Place	Male	Female
Greenfield	3	1
Northampton	17	21
Springfield	47	31
Worcester	1	1
Non-Birthing Hospital	0	1
	68	55

Marriages:

	Male	Female
Belchertown Resident	48	46
Non-Resident	12	18

Married in Belchertown: 32
Married Out-of-Town: 30

Deaths:

	Male	Female
Belchertown Resident	65	64
Non-Resident	2	1

Place of Death:

Athol	1	Milford	1
Amherst	3	Northampton	6
Belchertown	51	Palmer	18
Boston	2	Southbridge	2
East Longmeadow	1	South Hadley	1
Hadley	3	Springfield	32
Hampden	1	West Brookfield	2
Holyoke	3	Westfield	2
		Wilbraham	3

SPECIAL TOWN RECALL ELECTION
BELCHERTOWN
January 24, 2022

OFFICE	NAME	PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Recall of School Committee Member	Diane O. Brown						
For the Recall			162	182	143	105	592
Against the Recall			524	446	442	513	1925
Vote for one							
		Blank	5	8	3	2	18
		Total	691	636	588	620	2535
Recall of School Committee Member	Michael J. Knapp						
For the Recall			185	206	162	109	662
Against the Recall			502	420	416	507	1845
Vote for one							
		Blank	4	10	10	4	28
		Total	691	636	588	620	2535

Belchertown Registered Voters	PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	Total
	Democrat	702	660	643	841	2846
	Republican	365	413	445	244	1467
	Unenrollec	1752	1851	1790	1746	7139
	Other	46	52	36	37	171
	Total	2865	2976	2914	2868	11623

Votes Cast on 1/24/2022
22.00%

PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
	691	636	588	620	2535

Attest:
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ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
BELCHERTOWN
May 16, 2022

OFFICE	NAME	PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Select Board	Edward G. Boscher		209	221	178	177	**785**
3 years	Jennifer D. Turner		230	220	193	217	**860**
Vote for two	Christopher Luke Dunn		193	164	190	138	**685**
	Sundry Write-ins		14	8	8	6	**36**
	Blanks		154	131	125	126	**536**
		Total	800	744	694	664	**2902**
School Committee	Jonathan Wayne Ritter		150	134	145	106	**535**
3 years	Natalie G. Santana		238	227	194	218	**877**
Vote for one	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	1	0	**1**
	Blanks		12	11	7	8	**38**
		Total	400	372	347	332	**1451**
Planning Board	Elizabeth A. Pols		284	271	243	232	**1030**
5 years	Sundry Write-ins		1	3	1	2	**7**
Vote for one	Blanks		115	98	103	98	**414**
		Total	400	372	347	332	**1451**
Board of Assessors	Raymond G. Goff		287	261	246	212	**1006**
3 years	Sundry Write-ins		1	2	0	3	**6**
Vote for one	Blanks		112	109	101	117	**439**
		Total	400	372	347	332	**1451**
Board of Health	LeeAnne Connolly		222	220	197	201	**840**
3 years	James Potter		227	201	190	174	**792**
Vote for two	Victoria J. Noble		183	197	164	138	**682**
	Sundry Write-ins		1	1	0	2	**4**
	Blanks		167	125	142	150	**584**
		Total	800	744	693	665	**2902**

Belchertown Registered Voters	PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
	Democrat	700	652	642	834	**2828**
	Republican	362	409	433	246	**1450**
	Unenrolled	1771	1863	1797	1755	**7186**
	Other	42	48	34	39	**163**
	Total	2875	2972	2906	2874	**11627**

Votes Cast on 5/16/2022
12.48%

PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
	400	372	347	332	**1451**

Attest:

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State Primary Election

September 6, 2022

DEMOCRAT

	CANDIDATE NAME	PRECINCTS A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Governor	Sonia Rosa Chang-Diaz	75	59	58	80	272
(Vote for One)	Maura Healey	526	379	456	558	1919
	Blanks	10	14	14	6	44
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	2	2
	Total	611	452	528	646	2237
Lieutenant Governor	Kimberly Driscoll	67	60	46	70	243
(Vote for One)	Tami Gouveia	49	35	37	63	184
	Eric P. Lesser	488	353	437	498	1776
	Blanks	7	4	8	15	34
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	611	452	528	646	2237
Attorney General	Andrea Joy Campbell	209	165	156	278	808
(Vote for One)	Shannon Erika Liss-Riordan	248	184	228	223	883
	Quentin Palfrey	113	80	116	107	416
	Blanks	41	23	28	38	130
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	611	452	528	646	2237
Secretary of State	William Francis Galvin	448	332	405	433	1618
(Vote for One)	Tanisha M. Sullivan	149	110	106	184	549
	Blanks	14	10	16	29	69
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	1	0	1
	Total	611	452	528	646	2237
Treasurer	Deborah B. Goldberg	534	376	455	527	1892
(Vote for One)	Blanks	76	76	73	119	344
	Sundry Write-ins	1	0	0	0	1
	Total	611	452	528	646	2237
Auditor	Christopher S. Dempsey	215	131	150	204	700
(Vote for One)	Diana Dizoglio	315	264	311	343	1233
	Blanks	81	57	66	99	303
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	1	0	1
	Total	611	452	528	646	2237
Representative in Congress	Richard E. Neal	549	398	475	540	1962
(Vote for One)	Blanks	58	53	52	103	266
	Sundry Write-ins	4	1	1	3	9
	Total	611	452	528	646	2237
Councillor	Shawn P. Allyn	95	85	104	102	386
(Vote for One)	Michael Anthony Fenton	171	134	170	159	634
	Tara J. Jacobs	157	99	115	168	539
	Jeffrey S. Morneau	99	74	74	102	349
	Blanks	89	60	65	115	329
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	611	452	528	646	2237
Senator in General Court	Sydney R. Levin-Epstein	87	65	70	91	313

(Vote for One)	Jacob R. Oliveira	496	374	441	528	1839
	Blanks	28	13	17	27	85
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	611	452	528	646	2237
Representative in General Court	Aaron L. Saunders	522	389	456	533	1900
(Vote for One)	Blanks	89	63	71	113	336
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	1	0	1
	Total	611	452	528	646	2237
District Attorney	David E. Sullivan	528	376	457	521	1882
(Vote for One)	Blanks	83	76	71	125	355
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	611	452	528	646	2237
Sheriff	Patrick J. Cahillane	338	240	298	294	1170
(Vote for One)	Yvonne C. Gittelson	93	57	81	173	404
	Caitlin Sara Sepeda	146	127	118	146	537
	Blanks	34	28	31	33	126
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	611	452	528	646	2237

REPUBLICAN

	CANDIDATE NAME	**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
Governor	Geoff Diehl	87	96	120	66	369
(Vote for One)	Chris Doughty	80	96	89	71	336
	Blanks	3	1	2	3	9
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	170	193	211	140	714
Lieutenant Governor	Leah V. Allen	72	90	94	53	309
(Vote for One)	Kate Campanale	85	95	104	75	359
	Blanks	13	8	13	12	46
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	170	193	211	140	714
Attorney General	James R. McMahon III	146	162	181	101	590
(Vote for One)	Blanks	24	31	29	37	121
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	1	2	3
	Total	170	193	211	140	714
Secretary of State	Rayla Campbell	145	158	172	101	576
(Vote for One)	Blanks	25	35	39	36	135
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	3	3
	Total	170	193	211	140	714
Treasurer	Blanks	167	193	210	137	707
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins	3	0	1	3	7
	Total	170	193	211	140	714
Auditor	Anthony Amore	140	154	170	96	560
(Vote for One)	Blanks	30	39	40	42	151
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	1	2	3
	Total	170	193	211	140	714
Representative in Congress	Dean James Martilli	144	159	173	97	573

(Vote for One)	Blanks	26	34	38	40	138
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	3	3
	Total	170	193	211	140	714
Councillor	John M. Comerford	140	163	175	99	577
(Vote for One)	Blanks	30	30	36	40	136
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	1	1
	Total	170	193	211	140	714
Senator in General Court	William E. Johnson	148	159	176	107	590
(Vote for One)	Blanks	22	33	35	33	123
	Sundry Write-ins	0	1	0	0	1
	Total	170	193	211	140	714
Representative in General Court	James Chip Harrington	148	176	189	108	621
(Vote for One)	Blanks	22	17	22	30	91
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	2	2
	Total	170	193	211	140	714
District Attorney	Blanks	168	191	211	136	706
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins	2	2	0	4	8
	Total	170	193	211	140	714
Sheriff	Blanks	162	193	209	134	698
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins	8	0	2	6	16
	Total	170	193	211	140	714

Registered Voters	PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
	Democrat	698	646	640	826	2810
	Republican	358	405	425	249	1437
	Unenrolled	1827	1909	1828	1779	7343
	Other	41	46	37	38	162
	TOTALS	2924	3006	2930	2892	11752
Voted on 9/6/2022						
26% Voted	PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
	Democrat	611	452	528	646	2237
	Republican	170	193	211	140	714
	TOTALS	781	645	739	786	2951

Attest:

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SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION
BELCHERTOWN
October 3, 2022

OFFICE	NAME	PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Select Board	Curtis B. Carroll		68	48	53	68	**237**
to fill vacancy	Margaret D. Louraine		364	274	282	248	**1168**
Vote for one	Lesa J. Lessard Pearson		190	145	166	222	**723**
	Sundry Write-ins		0	1	0	1	**2**
	Blanks		1	2	0	2	**5**
		Total	623	470	501	541	**2135**

Belchertown Registered Voters	PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
	Democrat	699	646	643	832	**2820**
	Republican	359	407	425	247	**1438**
	Unenrolled	1844	1918	1840	1793	**7395**
	Other	40	46	37	37	**160**
	Total	2942	3017	2945	2909	**11813**

Votes Cast on 10/3/2022
18.07%

Attest:

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State Election
Belchertown
November 8, 2022

OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME	Precinct A	Precinct B	Precinct C	Precinct D	TOTAL
Governor and Lieutenant Governor	Diehl and Allen	620	776	796	502	2694
(vote for one)	Healey and Driscoll	1074	900	980	1152	4106
	Reed and Everett	36	31	26	29	122
	Blanks	14	13	18	8	53
	Sundry Write-ins	2	0	0	1	3
	Total	1746	1720	1820	1692	6978
Attorney General	Andrea Joy Campbell	1071	871	968	1136	4046
(vote for one)	James R. McMahon, III	643	821	823	527	2814
	Blanks	32	28	29	29	118
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	1746	1720	1820	1692	6978
Secretary of State						
(vote for one)	William Francis Galvin	1114	1001	1079	1169	4363
	Rayla Campell	541	650	673	422	2286
	Juan Sanchez	65	43	45	76	229
	Blanks	26	26	23	25	100
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	1746	1720	1820	1692	6978
Treasurer						
(vote for one)	Deborah B. Goldberg	1195	1041	1174	1221	4631
	Cristina Crawford	348	445	413	324	1530
	Blanks	200	230	233	144	807
	Sundry Write-ins	3	4	0	3	10
	Total	1746	1720	1820	1692	6978
Auditor						
(vote for one)	Anthony Amore	609	750	790	499	2648
	Diana DiZoglio	882	749	811	949	3391
	Gloria A. Caballero-Roca	99	68	77	104	348
	Dominic Giannone, III	34	25	24	41	124
	Daniel Riek	29	41	32	30	132
	Blanks	92	87	86	69	334
	Sundry Write-ins	1	0	0	0	1
	Total	1746	1720	1820	1692	6978
Representative in Congress						
First District	Richard E. Neal	1104	946	1039	1174	4263
(vote for one)	Dean James Martilli	591	728	739	474	2532
	Blanks	49	46	41	44	180
	Sundry Write-ins	2	0	1	0	3
	Total	1746	1720	1820	1692	6978
Councillor						
Eigth District	John M. Comerford	677	851	869	549	2946
(vote for one)	Tara J. Jacobs	995	789	865	1079	3728
	Blanks	74	80	86	64	304

	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	1746	1720	1820	1692	6978
Senator In General Court						
Hampden, Hampshire & Worcester District						
(vote for one)	William E. Johnson	624	765	781	522	2692
	Jacob R. Oliveira	1078	922	1007	1142	4149
	Blanks	44	33	32	28	137
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	1746	1720	1820	1692	6978

OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME	Precinct A	Precinct B	Precinct C	Precinct D	TOTAL
Representative in General Court						
Seventh Hampden District						
(vote for one)	James Chip Harrington	652	815	847	545	2859
	Aaron L. Saunders	1046	867	929	1114	3956
	Blanks	47	38	44	33	162
	Sundry Write-ins	1	0	0	0	1
	Total	1746	1720	1820	1692	6978
District Attorney						
Northwestern District						
(vote for one)	David E. Sullivan	1252	1177	1268	1297	4994
	Blanks	485	524	548	388	1945
	Sundry Write-ins	9	19	4	7	39
	Total	1746	1720	1820	1692	6978
Sheriff						
Hampshire County						
(vote for one)	Patrick J. Cahillane	1229	1183	1261	1226	4899
	Yvonne Gittelson	29	11	12	64	116
	Blanks	477	511	540	392	1920
	Sundry Write-ins	11	15	7	10	43
	Total	1746	1720	1820	1692	6978
Regional School Committee						
Pathfinder Regional (4 years)						
Belchertown						
(vote for one)	Lorraine F. Alves	1166	1146	1214	1058	4584
	George Roberge			1		1
	Curtis Carroll			1		1
	John Monast			1		1
	Jennifer Muscaro	1				1
	Brandon Flourd	2				2
	Michael Rossi	1				1
	Robert Hoza	1				1
	Eileen Martinez	1				1
	Paul Keyes		1			1
	Nicole Lavigne		1			1
	John Ritter		1			1
	Chris Elias		1			1
	Jennifer Longarre				1	1
	David Klaas				1	1
	Y. Snharan				1	1

	Julie Quink				1	1
	Anthony Pasquarosa				1	1
	Peter Brown				1	1
	Rachael Burges				1	1
	Jarad Cassidy				1	1
	Blanks	574	570	603	626	2373
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	1746	1720	1820	1692	6978

Regional School Committee
Pathfinder Regional (4 years)
Palmer

(vote for one)	Robert Lavoie	997	1033	1053	925	4008
	George Roberge			1		1
	John Monast			1		1
	Marcia Day			1		1
	Brandon Flourd	2				2
	Daniel Cronin	1				1
	Vasilica Albu	1				1
	Katie Napalitino	1				1
	Paul Keyes		1			1
	Nicole Lavigne		1			1
	Timothy Cinciewa		1			1
	Y. Snhanan				1	1
	Julie Quink				1	1
	Peter Brown				1	1
	Craig Dunton				1	1
	Blanks	744	684	764	762	2954
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	1	1
	Total	1746	1720	1820	1692	6978

OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME	Precinct A	Precinct B	Precinct C	Precinct D	TOTAL
Regional School Committee						
Pathfinder Regional (4 years)						
Ware						
(vote for one)	Marie Barbara Ray	983	1009	1038	909	3939
	George Roberge			1		1
	Mark Thompson	2				2
	Brandon Flourd	2				2
	Vasilica Albu	1				1
	Chris Tatarczuk	1				1
	Paul Keyes		1			1
	Nicole Lavigne		1			1
	Mike Manseau		1			1
	Julie Quink				1	1
	Peter Brown				1	1
	Blanks	757	708	781	781	3027
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	1746	1720	1820	1692	6978

Regional School Committee
Pathfinder Regional (4 years)
Monson

(vote for one)	Ronald K. Valley, Jr.	937	966	1006	876	3785
	George Roberge			1		1
	Brandon Flourd	2				2

	Kathy Rossi	1				1
	Vasilica Albu	1				1
	Eileen Martinez	1				1
	Nicole Lavigne		1			1
	David T. Klaas				1	1
	Peter Brown				1	1
	Nicholas Burges				1	1
	Blanks	804	753	813	813	3183
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	1746	1720	1820	1692	6978

Regional School Committee
Pathfinder Regional (4 years)
Hardwick

(vote for one)	Bill Korzenowski			1		1
	Julie Quink	1		3		4
	Steven Hill			1		1
	George Roberge			1		1
	Rick Valley, Jr.			1		1
	John Ritter			1		1
	Jerry Rodgers			1		1
	Kristi Reese			1		1
	Brandon Flourd	2				2
	Craig Bickford			1		1
	Vasilica Albu	1				1
	Loring Caney	1				1
	Sheena Moore	2				2
	Katie Clark	1				1
	Shannon Hard	1				1
	James Zuhusky		1			1
	Kenneth Pacunas		1			1
	Hans Mueller		1			1
	Allen Rhodes		1			1
	Michael Caney		1			1
	Jared Lyones		1			1
	Chellie Allen		1			1
	Joyce Leitl		1			1
	Tom Helm		1			1
	William Longarre				1	1
	K. Godoski				1	1
	Esterbarre Sanabra				1	1
	Patrick Dragon				1	1
	Peter Brown				1	1
	Lew Holzman				1	1
	Robert Stackow				1	1
	Seth Allison				1	1
	Blanks	1737	1710	1809	1684	6940
	Sundry Write-ins	0	1	0	0	1
	Total	1746	1720	1820	1692	6978

OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME	Precinct A	Precinct B	Precinct C	Precinct D	TOTAL
Regional School Committee						
Pathfinder Regional (4 years)						
Granby						
(vote for one)	Janet Korzenowski			1		1
	William Johnson	1	1	2		4
	Donald Murray			1		1

	Joe Cebula				1	1
	George Roberge				1	1
	Robert Chavin				1	1 2
	Jon Ritter				1	1
	Owen Reese				1	1
	Andi Bickford				1	1
	Brandon Flourd		2			2
	Ernast Gazda		1			1
	Robert Hoza		1			1
	Loring Caney		1			1
	Sheena Moore		1			1
	Katlyn Morris		1			1
	James Zuhusky			1		1
	Kenneth Pacunas			1		1
	Michael Caney			1		1
	Cameron Otto			1		1
	Dan Leitl			1		1
	Emre Evren			1		1
	Esterbarre Sanabra				1	1
	Patrick Dragon				1	1
	Peter Brown				1	1
	Katherine Holzman				1	1
	Peter Billman-Golemme				1	1
	Brent Klockars				1	1
	Blanks		1738	1712	1810	1685 6945
	Sundry Write-ins		0	1	0	0 1
		Total	1746	1720	1820	1692 6978

Regional School Committee
Pathfinder Regional (4 years)

Warren	George Roberge				1	1
(vote for one)	Behasvil				1	1
	Jon Ritter				1	1
	John Nason		1	1	1	3
	Joan Bickford				1	1
	Brandon Flourd		2			2
	Vasilica Albu		1			1
	Loring Caney		1			1
	Sheena Moore		1			1
	Mike Zoufaly		1			1
	James Zuhusky			1		1
	Kenneth Pacunas			1		1
	Michael Caney			1		1
	Daniel Currier			1		1
	Paul Roy			1		1
	Bobbie Kendal		1			1
	Esterbarre Sanabra				1	1
	Patrick Dragon				1	1
	Jillian Sullivan				1	1
	Carl O'Key				1	1
	Peter Brown				1	1
	Blanks		1738	1713	1815	1687 6953
	Sundry Write-ins		0	1	0	0 1
		Total	1746	1720	1820	1692 6978

QUESTION 1

Proposed constitutional amendment would establish an additional 4% state income tax on that portion of annual taxable income in excess of $1 million. This income level would be adjusted annually, by the same method used for federal income-tax brackets, to reflect increases in the cost of living. Revenues from this tax would be used, subject to appropriation by the State Legislature, for public education, public colleges and universities; and for the repair and maintenance of roads, bridges, and public transportation. The proposed amendment would apply to tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2023.

	Precinct A	Precinct B	Precinct C	Precinct D	TOTAL
Yes	1007	858	896	1077	3838
No	706	826	875	589	2996
Blanks	33	36	49	26	144
Total	1746	1720	1820	1692	6978

Question 2

Proposed law would direct the Commissioner of the Massachusetts Division of Insurance to approve or disapprove the rates of dental benefit plans and would require that a dental insurance carrier meet an annual aggregate medical loss ratio for its covered dental benefit plans of 83 percent. The medical loss ratio would measure the amount of premium dollars a dental insurance carrier spends on its members' dental expenses and quality improvements, as opposed to administrative expenses. If a carrier's annual aggregate medical loss ratio is less than 83 percent, the carrier would be required to refund the excess premiums to its covered individuals and groups. The proposed law would allow the Commissioner to waive or adjust the refunds only if it is determined that issuing refunds would result in financial impairment for the carrier. The proposed law would apply to dental benefit plans regardless of whether they are issued directly by a carrier, through the connector, or through an intermediary. The proposed law would not apply to dental benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed to a self-insured group or where the carrier is acting as a third-party administrator. The proposed law would required the carriers offering dental benefit plans to submit information about their current and projected medical loss ratio, administrative expenses, and other financial information to the Commissioner. Each carrier would be required to submit an annual comprehensive financial statement to the Division of Insurance, itemized by market group size and line of business. A carrier that also provides administrative services to one or more self-insured groups would also be required to file an appendix to their annual financial statement with information about its self-insured business. The proposed law would impose a late penalty on a carrier that does not file its annual report on or before April 1. The Division would be required to make the submitted data public, to issue an annual summary to certain legislative committees, and to exchange the data with the Health Policy Commission. The Commissioner would be required to adopt standards requiring the registration of persons or entities not otherwise licensed or registered by the Commissioner and criteria for the standardized reporting and uniform allocation methodologies among carriers. The proposed law would allow the Commissioner to approve dental benefit policies for the purpose of being offered to individuals or groups. The Commissioner would be required to adopt regulations to determine eligibility criteria. The proposed law would require carriers to file group product base rates and any changes to group rating factors that are to be effective on January 1 of each year on or before July 1 of the preceding year. The Commissioner would be required to disapprove any proposed changes to base rates that are excessive, inadequate, or unreasonable in relation to the benefits charged. The Commissioner would also be required to disapprove any change to group rating factors that is discriminatory or not actuarially sound. The proposed law sets forth criteria that, if met, would require the Commissioner to presumptively disapprove a carrier's rate, including if the aggregate medical loss ratio for all dental benefit plans offered by a carrier is less than 83 percent. The proposed law would establish procedures to be followed if a proposed rate is presumptively disapproved or if the Commissioner disapproves a rate. The proposed law would required the Division to hold a hearing if a carrier reports a risk-based capital ratio on a combined entity basis that exceeds 700 percent in its annual report. The proposed law would require the Commissioner to promulgate regulations consistent with its provisions by October 1, 2023. The proposed law would apply to all dental benefit plans issued, made effective, delivered, or renewed on or after January 1, 2024.

	Precinct A	Precinct B	Precinct C	Precinct D	TOTAL
Yes	1173	1085	1089	1225	4572
No	515	591	672	423	2201
Blanks	58	44	59	44	205
Total	1746	1720	1820	1692	6978

Question 3

The proposed law would increase the statewide limits on the combined number of licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption (including licenses for "all alcoholic beverages" and for "wines and malt beverages") that any one retailer could own or control: from 9 to 12 licenses in 2023: to 15 licenses in 2027; and to 18 licenses in 2031. Beginning in 2023, the proposed law would set a maximum number of "all alcoholic beverage" licenses that any one retailer could own or control at 7 licenses unless a retailer currently holds more than 7 such licenses. The proposed law would require retailers to conduct the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption through face-to-face transactions and would prohibit automated or self-checkout sales of alcoholic beverages by such retailers. The proposed law would alter the calculation of the fine that the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission may accept in lieu of suspending any license issued under the State Liquor Control Act. The proposed law would modify the formula for calculating such fee from being based on the gross profits on the sale of alcoholic beverages to being based on the gross profits on all retail sales. The proposed law would also add out-of-state motor vehicle licenses to the list of the forms of identification that any holder of a license issued under the State Liquor Control Act, or their agent or employee, may choose to reasonably rely on for proof of a person's identity and age.

Yes	688	687	615	670	2660
No	982	972	1124	938	4016
Blanks	76	61	81	84	302
Total	1746	1720	1820	1692	6978

Question 4

The proposed referendum would keep in place the law summarized below, which was approved by the House of Representatives and the Senate on May 26, 2022. This law allows Massachusetts residents who cannot provide proof of lawful presence in the United States to obtain a standard driver's license or learner's permit if they meet all the other qualifications for a standard license or learner's permit, including a road test and insurance, and provide proof of their identity, date of birth, and residency. The law provides that, when processing an application for such a license or learner's permit or motor vehicle registration, the registrar of motor vehicles may not ask about or create a record of the citizenship or immigration status of the applicant, except as otherwise required by law. This law does not allow people who cannot provide proof of lawful presence in the United States to obtain a REAL ID. To provide identity and date of birth, the law requires an applicant to present at least two documents, one for each of the following categories: (1) a valid unexpired foreign passport or a valid unexpired Consular Identification document; and (2) a valid unexpired driver's license from any United States state or territory, an original or certified copy of a birth certificate, a valid unexpired foreign national identification card, a valid unexpired foreign driver's license, or a marriage certificate or divorce decree issued by any state or territory of the United States. One of the documents presented by an applicant must include a photograph and one must include a date of birth. Any documents not in English must be accompanied by a certified translation. The registrar may review any documents issued by another country to determine whether they may be used as proof of identity or date of birth. The law requires that applicants for a driver's license or learner's permit shall attest, under the pains and penalties of perjury, that their license has not been suspended or revoked in any other state, country, or jurisdiction. The Law specifies that information provided by or relating to any applicant or license-holder will not be a public record and shall not be disclosed, except as required by federal law or as authorized by Attorney General regulations, and except for purposes of motor vehicle insurance. The law directs the registrar of motor vehicles to make regulations regarding the documents required of United States citizens and others who provide proof of lawful presence with their license application. The law also requires the regstrar and the Secretary of the Commonwealth to establish procedures and regulations to ensure that an applicant for a standard driver's license or learner's permit who does not provide proof of lawful presence will not be automatically registered to vote. The law takes effect on July 1, 2023.

	Precinct A	Precinct B	Precinct C	Precinct D	TOTAL
Yes	900	742	775	1017	3434

No	801	934	984	643	3362
Blanks	45	44	61	32	182
Total	1746	1720	1820	1692	6978

Question 5 - Non-Binding

Shall the representative for this district be instructed to vote for legislation to create a single payer system of universal health care that provides all Massachusetts residents with comprehensive health care coverage including the freedom to choose doctors and other health care professionals, facilities, and services, and eliminates the role of insurance companies in health care by creating an insurance trust fund that is publicly administered?

	Precinct A	Precinct B	Precinct C	Precinct D	TOTAL
Yes	964	858	886	1064	3772
No	599	672	711	462	2444
Blanks	183	190	223	166	762
Total	1746	1720	1820	1692	6978

REGISTERED VOTERS:

	Precinct A	Precinct B	Precinct C	Precinct D	TOTAL
Democrat	707	644	643	841	2835
Republican	354	412	425	245	1436
Unenrolled	1852	1930	1865	1809	7456
Other	40	44	37	38	159
TOTALS	2953	3030	2970	2933	11886

Total % Voted = 58.71%

BY PREC.	Precinct A	Precinct B	Precinct C	Precinct D	TOTAL
# voted	1746	1720	1820	1692	6978
%	59.13%	56.77%	61.28%	57.69%	58.71%

Attest:

Theresa A. Camerlin
Town Clerk

Actions taken at the Special Town Meeting held March 7, 2022 at the Belchertown High School Gymnasium.
FY22
Moderator – Amanda Halperin
Meeting called to order at 7:05pm
Registered voters present 119 (Quorum requires 75)
The Moderator read the return of the Warrant and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

Moderator made a motion to waive the reading of the warrant articles, seconded and declared passed.

Article 1 Voted to appropriate $990,000.00 for the purpose of paying costs of a feasibility study related to the design, reconstruction, and construction of the Jabish Brook Middle School, 62 North Washington Street, in Belchertown Massachusetts, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and for which the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Jabish Brook Middle School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority; and that any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with G.L. c. 44 §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount. The Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town, and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the Town and the MSBA.
(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Vote – 2/3rd Required – Hand Count requested by Moderator –2/3rd Declared Pass 90 yes, 18 no)

Article 2 Voted to amend the Personnel By-Law as previously amended in the following prescribed manner:

In Chapter 91, Attachment 1, Appendix A, Town Classification-Compensation Plan: Insert in the Management, Administrative or Professional Exempt chart, the salary range for the Human Resource Director: Human Resource Director $75,311 - $96,139
(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Declared)

Article 3 Voted to transfer $18,000.00 from the Assessors Wage Account, $25,000.00 from the Health Insurance Town Share Account, $37,000.00 from the Senior Center Wage Account, and $964.00 from the Recreation Wage Account for a total of $80,964.00 to the Interest on Debt Service Account.
(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Declared)

Article 4 Voted to transfer $15,000.00 from the Town Administrator Wage Account and $35,000.00 from the General Insurance Account for a total of $50,000.00 to the Retirement of Debt Account.
(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Declared)

Article 5 Voted to transfer $21,434.00 from the Computer Department Expense Account for the purchase of a new Cardiac Monitor for Belchertown Fire-Rescue.
(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Declared)

Article 6 Voted to transfer $225,000.00 from the Sewer Enterprise Free Cash Account for a roof replacement at the Wastewater Treatment Plant building and anything incidental or related thereto.
(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Declared)

Article 7 Voted to transfer $23,000.00 from the Treasurer/Collector's Wage account, $5,000.00 from the Law Account, and $6,000.00 from the Library Wage Account, for a total of $34,000.00 ~~from~~ to the DPW Streets Construction Account.

Motion corrected from the original writing of the article to remove the word "from" in "from to the DPW Streets Construction Account" before vote taken.
(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Declared)

Article 8 Voted to transfer $6,200.00 from the Town Clerk Wage Account to the Town Clerk Expense Account for the purchase of a fire proof file cabinet.
(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Declared)

Motion to dissolve meeting was so voted as declared by Moderator Amanda Halperin at 7:35pm

Attest:

Theresa Camerlin
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD MARCH 7, 2022

FY 22

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	BORROWING	FREE CASH	FROM STABILIZATION	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
1	Feasibility study related to the design, reconstruction, and construction of the Jabish Brook Middle School, 62 North Washington St, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and for which the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Mass School Building Authority.	$990,000.00		$990,000.00			
2	none						
3	Interest on Debt Service account	$80,964.00					$18,000 from the Assessors Wage Account, $25,000 from the Health Insurance Town Share Account, $37,000 from the Senior Center Wage Account and $964 from the Recreation Wage Account
4	Retirement of Debt account	$50,000.00					$15,000 from the Town Administrator Wage account and $35,000 from the General Insurance Account
5	Purchase of New Cardiac Monitor for Belchertown Fire-Rescue	$21,434.00					$21,434 from the Computer Dept. Expense Account
6	Wastewater Treatment Plant building roof replacement	$225,000.00					$225,000 from the Sewer Enterprise Free Cash account
7	DPW Streets Construction account	$34,000.00					$23,000 from the Treasurer/Collector's Wage account, $5,000 from the Law Account and $6,000 from the Library Wage account
8	Town Clerk Expense account	$6,200.00					$6,200 from the Town Clerk Wage account
TOTAL		$1,407,598.00	$0.00	$990,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$417,598.00
	Attest:						
	Theresa A. Camerlin, Town Clerk						

Actions taken at the Special Town Meeting held May 9, 2022 at the Belchertown High School Auditorium
FY22
Moderator – Terry Nagel
Meeting called to order 7:04PM
Registered voters present – 194 (Quorum requires 75)

Due to the absence of our elected Town Moderator, the Town Clerk entertained motions to nominate a Moderator Pro Tempore.

Motion made and seconded to nominate Mr. Terry Nagel
(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

The Town Clerk swore in Mr. Terry Nagel and turned the meeting over.
The return of the warrant was read.

Article 1 Voted to transfer the sums of money as outlined below:

TRANSFER FROM	AMOUNT	TO
Town Common	$1,500	Library Wage
Human Resources Salary	$20,000	Unemployment
Human Resources Salary	$1,500	Human Resources Expense
Animal Control Building	$4,000	Street Lighting
Veteran's Benefits	$11,000	Town Garage
Recreation Wage	$1,400	Town Garage
Police Wage	$12,500	Select Board Expense
Senior Center Wage	$2,500	Family Center
Veteran's Benefits	$5,500	Fire Station
Lawrence Memorial Hall	$5,000	Fire Station
Recreation Building	$1,000	Old Town Hall
Law Account	$25,000	Highway Overtime
IOD	$7,500	Highway Overtime
Workers Comp	$7,500	Highway Overtime
General Insurance	$10,000	Fire Overtime
Health Insurance Town Share	$10,000	Fire Overtime
Veteran's Benefits	$35,500	Snow & Ice
Veteran's Benefits	$3,520	Inspection Services Wage

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required –Unanimous Yes)

Meeting dissolved at 7:15pm

Attest:
Theresa A. Camerlin
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD May 9, 2022
FY22

ARTICLE #	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS
1	164,920.00	$1,500 from Town Common to Library Wage $20,000 from Human Resources Salary to Unemployment $1,500 from Human Resources Salary to Human Resources Expense $4,000 from Animal Control Building to Street Lighting $11,000 from Veteran's Benefits to Town Garage $1,400 from Recreation Wage to Town Garage $12,500 from Police Wage to Select Board Expense $2,500 from Senior Center Wage to Family Center $5,500 from Veteran's Benefits to Fire Station $5,000 from Lawrence Memorial Hall to Fire Station $1,000 from Recreation Building to Old Town Hall $25,000 from Law Account to Highway Overtime $7,500 from IOD to Highway Overtime $7,500 from Workers Comp to Highway Overtime $10,000 from General Insurance to Fire Overtime $10,000 from Health Insurance Town Share to Fire Overtime $35,500 from Veterans' Benefits to Snow & Ice $3,520 from Veterans' Benefits to Inspection Services Wage
TOTAL	**$164,920.00**	

Dissolved 7:15PM

Attest:

Theresa A. Camerlin
Town Clerk

Actions taken at the Annual Town Meeting held May 9, 2022 at the Belchertown High School Auditorium.
FY23
Moderator – Mr. Terry Nagel
Meeting called to order 7:32pm
Registered voters present 194 – (Quorum requires 75)

Due to the absence of our elected Town Moderator, the Town Clerk opened the meeting and entertained motions to nominate a Moderator Pro Tempore.

Motion made and seconded to nominate Mr. Terry Nagel
(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

The Town Clerk swore in Mr. Terry Nagel and turned the meeting over.
The return of the warrant was read.

Charly Oliva, Veterans' Agent, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem was sung by Mr. Thomas Stockton.

Motion made and seconded to waive the reading of the articles.
(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 1 Voted to elect Paul Anziano and Linda Tsoumas as Almoners of the Whiting Street and Mrs. Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; and Mary Olberding for a three year term as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund.

(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 2 Voted to accept the reports of the officers of the Town with the exception of the Finance Committee.

(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 3 Voted to authorize the Assessors and the Board of Health members to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing fiscal year, at the following hourly rates:

- Assessors $17.50
- Board of Health Members $7.25

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 4 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 to be used by the Assessors for legal counsel in resolving tax cases.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 5 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000.00 to the Reserve Fund for use by the Finance Committee.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 6 Voted to authorize the Select Board to apply for and accept funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Improvement Program or any other state grant program for use on approved town ways.

(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 7 Voted to appropriate from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account the sum of $5,000.00 to the Cemetery Lot Development Account.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 8 Voted to authorize the Select Board to apply for Massachusetts Small Cities Program or other Federal or State monies and to expend any monies received as set forth in the application following a public hearing.

(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 9 Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, as shown in the Finance Committee's report; to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the Treasury for departmental and incidental expenses of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee's report be considered separately and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated, be expended only for those purposes as specifically designated and under the direction of the respective officers, boards and committees of the Town.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,315,850.00 for General Government, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,083,057.00 and appropriate the sum of $1,013,000.00 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account, for a total appropriation of $5,096,057.00 for Public Safety, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $31,134,612.00 for the Town School Department, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,356,918.00 for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,059,978.00 for the DPW-Highways, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to appropriate from Landfill receipts the sum of $336,870.00 and appropriate from Landfill Enterprise free cash in the Treasury the sum of $87,220.00 for a total appropriation of $424,090.00 to the Landfill Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to appropriate from Sewer Enterprise free cash in the Treasury the sum of $96,178.00, and appropriate from Sewer receipts the sum of $1,645,076.00 for a total appropriation of $1,741,254.00, to the Sewer Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to appropriate from Stormwater Utility Enterprise receipts the sum of $287,390.00, and appropriate from Stormwater Enterprise free cash in the Treasury the sum of $50,000.00 for a total appropriation of $337,390.00 to the Stormwater Utility Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0)
After much discussion, motion made and seconded to move the question.
(Vote – 2/3rd Required- 2/3rd Yes)

Main Motion Vote
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $961,518.00 for the Human Services Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $943,289.00 for Culture and Recreation Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $914,530.00 for DPW Buildings and Grounds Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,546,842.00, and appropriate from free cash in the Treasury the sum of $475,488.00, for a total appropriation of $6,022,330.00 to the Pensions and Insurance Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $67,398.00, to the Unclassified Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $960,477.00 to the Interest and Debt Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0)
(Vote – 2/3rd Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 10 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the Treasury the sum of $175,000.00 to the Stabilization Fund.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0)
(Vote – 2/3rd Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 11 Voted to amend the Code of the Town of Belchertown, Chapter 91, Personnel, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

- **In Chapter *91, Attachment 1*, Appendix A, Town Classification-Compensation Plan:**
  - **Replace** Management, Administrative or Professional Exempt chart with new chart as follows:

Effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023

Director of Public Works	$97,738 - $124,768
Police Lieutenant	$85,290 - $98,983
Director of Information Technology	$81,449 - $103,973
Town Planner	$81,449 - $103,973
Town Treasurer-Collector	$77,570 - $99,023
Town Accountant	$77,570 - $99,023
Building Commissioner	$77,570 - $99,023
Director of Assessments	$77,570 - $99,023
Human Resource Director	$77,570 - $99,023
Conservation Administrator	$74,587 - $95,214
Council on Aging Executive Director	$74,587 - $95,214
Director of Parks & Recreation	$74,587 - $95,214
Veterans' Agent	$71,718 - $91,552

- **Under Classified Nonexempt Employees**
  - **Part-Time Hourly Schedule** – Change the following range for: Library Page: **from** $7.25 - $9.00 **to** $11.00 - $16.00/hour

- **In Chapter 91, *Attachment 2*, Appendix B – Weekly Salary Schedule for Classified Employees:**
  - **Remove** the compensation chart effective July 1, 2021 to end June 30, 2022 and insert the following chart:

Effective July 1, 2022 to end June 30, 2023

Grade	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Step 10
1	12.72	13.07	13.43	13.78	14.16	14.57	14.96	15.37	15.80	16.23
2	16.52	16.98	17.46	17.94	18.43	18.93	19.46	19.98	20.54	21.12
3	19.01	19.54	20.07	20.63	21.20	21.77	22.37	22.99	23.62	24.26
4	21.85	22.45	23.07	23.70	24.37	25.04	25.74	26.43	27.16	27.89
5	24.06	24.70	25.39	26.09	26.79	27.54	28.30	29.07	29.90	30.70
6	26.46	27.17	27.91	28.71	29.49	30.28	31.13	31.99	32.86	33.76
7	29.10	29.91	30.71	31.57	32.42	33.32	34.25	35.17	36.14	37.15
8	30.26	31.10	31.94	32.82	33.73	34.66	35.61	36.60	37.60	38.64
9	31.48	32.35	33.22	34.14	35.07	36.05	37.04	38.05	39.10	40.19
10	33.68	34.59	35.56	36.54	37.52	38.57	39.63	40.73	41.85	42.99

(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 12 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the Treasury the sum of $47,000.00 to the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 13 Voted to appropriate from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund the sum of $68,000.00 to be used for operations of the Belchertown Community Channel, and anything incidental or related thereto, for the ensuing fiscal year commencing July 1, 2022.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 14 Voted to authorize the Select Board to enter into a lease/purchase agreement with Goosetown Communications for a new two-way van radio system for the Belchertown Senior Center's van as set forth in Article 14 of the Warrant pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c.44, §21C, for a period in excess of three years, and to fund the first year payment of such agreement with the amount appropriated in paragraph 9 of Article 9 of the Town Budget as voted at this May 9, 2022 Annual Town Meeting.

Moderator asked if any objections to correcting a scrivener's error, none heard, so corrected. Scrivener error corrected: "paragraph 10 of Article 9" corrected to "paragraph 9 of Article 9"

(Vote – 2/3rd Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 15 Voted to authorize the Select Board to enter into an agreement to lease/purchase and equip Department of Public Works' vehicles pursuant to the provisions of M.G..L. c.44, §21C, for a period in excess of three years, and to fund the first year payment of such agreement with the amounts appropriated in paragraph 5 of the Town Budget as voted pursuant to Article 9 at this May 9, 2022 Annual Town Meeting.

Moderator asked if any objections to correcting a scrivener's error, none heard, so corrected. Scrivener error corrected: "paragraph 6 of Town Budget" corrected to "paragraph 5 of Town Budget"

(Vote – 2/3rd Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 16 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,500.00 to the Belchertown Cultural Council expense account to be used for the purposes stated in Article 16 of the warrant.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 17 Voted to transfer the care, custody and control of the parcels of land identified below, acquired by the Town by tax title foreclosure, from the Treasurer/Collector for the purpose of sale at public auction to the Select Board for the purpose of conveyance, and for general municipal purposes, and to authorize the Select Board to convey such parcels on such terms and conditions as the Board may deem appropriate, said parcels being described as follows:

LOCATION	ASSESSOR PARCEL REFERENCE	JUDGEMENT RECORDED H.C.R.D.
River Street, .17 acres+/-	110 010.000	Book 13791, Page 287
River Street, .53 acres+/-	110 031.000	Book 13791, Page 287
River Street, 1.5 acres+/-	110 040.000	Book 13791, Page 287
River Street, 6.0 acres+/-	110 044.000	Book 13791, Page 287
Rear River Street, 29 acres+/-	276 078.000	Book 13791, Page 287

(Vote – 2/3rd Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 18 Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, concerning Dog Day Care and related services by adding the following:

Chapter 145. Zoning

Add to §145-1 Definitions:

Dog Day Care: The provision of socialization, exercise, training, or shelter in the absence of the owner, during the day for four or more dogs and for which a fee is charged. This does not include veterinary hospitals and clinics, commercial kennels, grooming parlors, pet stores, dog training facilities, or animal shelters.

Commercial Kennel: The overnight boarding of four or more dogs in the absence of the owner for which a fee is charged.

Article VI. General Regulations, add the following:

§145-24.2 Dog Day Care and Related Services

A. Standards
   1. Hours of operation shall be from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM.
   2. Dogs at the facility shall be no closer than 150 feet to any abutting occupied structure.
   3. Dogs may be groomed, trained, exercised, and socialized, but not kept overnight, bred, sold, or let for hire.
   4. The number of dogs permissible depends on the size of the facility and available staff.
   5. There must be no more than six dogs per staff person on site.
   6. Small dogs and large dogs must be separated.
   7. Indoor facilities:
      a. Shall be inspected by the Director of Public Health, the Animal Control Officer, the Building Commissioner, and the Fire Chief to ensure adequate safety of the animals and humans.
      b. All animal play areas shall be large enough to maintain sanitation and avoid crowding.
      c. Primary enclosures shall be large enough to allow each animal to turn around and stretch.
      d. Clean soft bedding shall be provided in each enclosure.
      e. Floors of enclosures shall be smooth; wire flooring is prohibited.
      f. Other offices noted in a. above and other animal welfare agencies may have further standards that may apply.
   8. Outdoor facilities:
      a. Site-obscuring fences must be provided around all outdoor areas in which dogs will be unleashed. The fence shall be deep enough to prevent escape by digging and shall be six feet in height. Objects a dog may use to climb or jump over the fence shall not be within ten feet of the fence.
      b. Strict sanitation measures shall be practiced, including daily disposal of feces, leftover food, and any other material that could attract pests. Urine shall be rinsed to reduce odors.
      c. Refuse shall be removed from the premises daily or kept in secure storage while on the premises.
      d. Any dogs generating nuisance noise shall be brought back into the building or removed from the site as soon as possible.

B. Severability. A determination that any specific portion of this Section 145-24.2 is invalid shall not render any other part thereof invalid.

Article III. Use Regulations

§145-11 Schedule of Use Regulations

Add to Business Uses as new use #25, Dog Day Care and Related Services, and renumber subsequent uses accordingly. The use may be allowed in I (Industrial) by right, B2 (General Business) by Site Plan Approval, B1 (Limited Business) by Special Permit and Site Plan Approval, and Ag-A (Primary Agriculture) by Special Permit and Site Plan Approval,

(Vote – 2/3rd Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 19 Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, Article VII, Special Use Regulations, §145-29.1, Accessory Apartments,

- subsection D, first sentence delete the word "existing" in two instances,
- subsection D(5) change the word "gross" to "habitable" in two instances,
- subsection D(6) change the word "primary" to "principal",
- subsection (7) add after the word "dwelling."… noting that a mobile home as defined in §145-2 may not be allowed as an accessory structure", and to delete subsection (8) entirely and replace it with a new subsection (8) to read, "That when an accessory apartment is to be within an existing accessory structure, the exterior appearance of the accessory structure maintains the essential character of the purpose for which it was originally constructed; or when an accessory apartment is itself a detached accessory structure, the structure is constructed or adapted to appear in the style of a garage, barn, shed, or similar structure customarily located on the same lot with a single unit dwelling, and it must be visually compatible with the primary dwelling unit on the same lot and with the character of the neighborhood.

(Vote – 2/3rd Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 20 Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, Article VI, General Regulations, §145-17, Nonconforming Uses, to be retitled to "Nonconforming Structures and Uses", and to change Subsection B) from "Alteration. A nonconforming structure may not be altered or reconstructed if the cost of such alterations exceeds 50% of the physical value of the structure at the time of the change" to read "Alteration. A nonconforming structure may be altered or reconstructed by right if the cost of such alterations is 50% or less of the physical value as listed in the current assessors' valuation, or by a current appraisal, of the structure at the time of the change. Alterations exceeding 50% of the physical value at the time of the change require a special permit."

(Vote – 2/3rd Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 21 Did not vote to amend the Zoning By-Law by adding new *Article XV, Agricultural Value-Added District*, with the following text:

ARTICLE XV
Agricultural Value-Added District

§ 145-82. Purpose.
The Agricultural Value-Added District is intended to support and promote local agricultural activity and the retention of active farmland, and farmland of local importance as defined by the US Natural Resource Conservation Service, by providing economic and educational opportunities to add commercial value to local agricultural products. Its design is to provide a base of economic activity and an aesthetic that reflects the town's agricultural heritage, and to

provide supportive infrastructure for new agricultural technologies. It is intended to work in concert with the Business Neighborhood Center District that adjoins it.

Lot dimensions in the AV-A District may vary from those permitted in other districts as noted in Article V of this chapter. This is to accommodate current development technologies in the areas of energy efficiency, water conservation, storm water management, transportation, and building design and construction.

(A) The purposes of the Agricultural Value-Added District are:
  (1) To reinforce the town's Right to Farm bylaw, chapter 38 of the Code of the Town of Belchertown.
  (2) To provide opportunities for farmers seeking to process products they grow;
  (3) To provide opportunities for marketing assistance and education;
  (4) To promote the retention of farmland in Belchertown;
  (5) To assist in developing a locally-grown food supply;
  (6) To reduce local food insecurity;
  (7) To attract more people to the agricultural economy;
  (8) To allow the relatively intensive use of land in an alternative pattern of development while maintaining existing character and by which the following benefits and objectives are likely to be attained, as described in Subsection B.

(B) Benefits and objectives of the Agricultural Value-Added District:
  (1) Better markets, employment, and educational opportunities for agricultural producers in Belchertown.
  (2) More local economic activity that is agriculturally based.
  (3) Increased financial feasibility for landowners to keep farmland in agriculture by support of the agricultural sector.
  (4) Increased food security by providing local people with locally grown food.
  (5) Retention and celebration of community character and history through continuation of Belchertown's history of local agricultural prominence.

§ 145-83. Definitions.

Value-added Agricultural Processing:
Treatment that changes the physical state or form of a farm product in order to increase its market value, including such processes as canning, milling, grinding, freezing, heating, and fermenting.

Basic Agricultural Processing:
Processing necessary to store and market farm products. Basic processing does not include treatment that changes the form of the product, but does include treatment such as cutting, drying, freezing or cold storing, and packaging.

Agricultural Manufacturing:
Turning farm products into commercial products through activities such as baking, butchering, brewing, whether for wholesale or retail.

Farm Worker Housing:
The use of a building or portion of a building designed and used exclusively for the housing of farm workers who actively and currently farm on land associated with the housing for at least six months out of the year. Farm worker housing may be used to accommodate people directly connected to one of the farm worker residents.

§ 145-83. Development method.

Site plan approval by the Planning Board is required for any new construction, addition over 400 square feet to a structure, or change in use of an existing structure in the Agricultural Value-Added District. The Planning Board may require a deposit of money in escrow to guarantee performance of the development and cover municipal expenses in case of non-performance or any public necessity on the site.

§ 145-84. Administration.

A. To facilitate timely processing, promote better communication and avoid misunderstanding, applicants are encouraged to submit conceptual materials for informal review by the Planning Board prior to formal application for site plan approval.

B. Site plan approval submission requirements. Each Agricultural Value-Added District site plan approval application and plan shall provide the following information:
   (1) The location and specific boundaries of the project parcel or parcels.
   (2) Signatures of authorized representatives of each entity with ownership interest and each applicant or applicants' agent involved in the project.
   (3) Written approval from the appropriate governing body certifying the ability to connect to a public sewage system and a public water supply.
   (4) Copies of all proposed covenants, easements, agreements and other restrictions the applicant proposes, in draft guideline form, not in final legal form.
   (5) Demonstration that the proposed development is consistent with this article.
   (6) Any and all other information the Planning Board may require to assist in determining whether the project site plan meets the objectives and standards as set forth in this article.

C. Review and approval process.
   (1) The review, notice, and public hearing process for site plan approval in the Agricultural Value-Added District shall be conducted in the same manner as would a special permit. After notice and public hearing in accordance with MGL c. 40A, § 9, as amended, the Planning Board shall, after due consideration of the reports and recommendations of the Conservation Commission, Board of Health, Select Board, Director of Public Works, Town Engineer, Belchertown Water District, and any other technical reviewing authority, approve a site plan, provided that the conditions and standards of this article have been adequately met. The Planning Board may impose reasonable conditions on its approval to ensure compliance with the conditions and standards of this article.
   (2) Site plan approval granted under this article shall lapse within 24 months if construction has not begun or is not continuing to proceed, except for a good cause shown with an extension approved by the Planning Board. The applicant must apply for an extension at least 30 days prior to the expiration of the site plan approval.
   (3) Strict compliance with any zoning bylaw governing any individual aspect of a site plan under this article may be waived by the Planning Board where such action is not detrimental to the public good. In such cases, any waiver on a site plan with approval from the Planning Board supersedes the individual bylaw governing the waiver. If the applicant requests a waiver, it is incumbent upon the applicant to demonstrate how the proposed waiver is not detrimental to the public good. The Planning Board reserves the right to waiver a requirement or requirements when the Board deems it appropriate to do so, even if the applicant does not request a waiver.

D. Fees.
   (1) Same as the site plan fee that is current at the time of application.
   (2) The applicant shall pay all costs incurred by the Planning Board and for all consultants used by the Planning Board in considering the application for site plan approval, including but not limited to engineering, design, and legal services. The Planning Board may require payment of such costs pursuant to MGL c.44, § 53G. The failure or refusal of an applicant to make such payments shall constitute grounds for denial of the application.

§ 145-85. Dimensional standards.

Lots and buildings in the Agricultural Value-Added District shall meet dimensional standards that are appropriate to establish the desired form, mass, public space, and service needs of the

proposed use of the site, notwithstanding the requirements of Article V of this chapter. Recommended standards to establish a design basis are the following:

A. Minimum lot size: 20,000 square feet.
B. Minimum frontage: 50 feet.
C. Maximum lot coverage: 80%.
D. Minimum front setback: 20 feet.
E. Minimum rear setback: 20 feet.
F. Minimum side setback: 15 feet.
G. Minimum lot width: 100 feet.
H. Maximum building height: 50 feet or three stories, with story defined in § 145-2.

§ 145-86. Development design.

A. Consistency.
   (1) Buildings in the Agricultural Value-Added District must demonstrate a link with local agricultural production.
   (2) Multiple buildings on one parcel are permissible if they are deemed consistent with the intent of this article.

B. Overall district design requirements.
   (1) Pedestrian accommodations shall take precedence over vehicular accommodations.
   (2) Parking should be shared as much as possible to minimize curb cuts.
   (3) Solar canopies should be considered for parking lots.
   (4) Lighting must provide a safe pedestrian environment and minimize light trespass. Lights must be aimed downward and not have exposed light sources.
   (5) Landscaping must use only plants native to this region. All reasonable attempts must be made to preserve healthy specimen trees.

C. Building design requirements.
   (1) Building design must be consistent with the Planning Board's Commercial Development Design Guidelines and take into account the National and State registered Historic Agricultural Viewscape within the district.
   (2) Buildings should meet or exceed LEED or comparable "green" building standards for energy efficiency to the greatest extent possible and economically feasible.

§ 145-87. Use standards.

Schedule of uses permitted by right within the Agricultural Value-Added District.

A. Conference center or event space.
B. Agricultural manufacturing, basic agricultural processing, and value-added agricultural processing as defined in §145-83.
C. Commercial food processing.
D. Business incubator for agricultural products.
E. Retail or wholesale outlets for agricultural products.
F. Commercial enterprise that links agricultural production with tourism in order to attract visitors to Belchertown.
G. Restaurant.
H. Brew pub, micro-brewery, smaller brewery or winery, tasting room.
I. Distillery, tasting room.
J. Educational uses related to agricultural production or food systems.
K. Farm worker housing.
L. Art or craft center.
M. Laboratory, research, development, and manufacturing of agricultural products.

§ 145-88. Other standards.

A. All individual lots in the Agricultural Value-Added District must have frontage either on interior private ways or on public ways. Interior private ways must be approved by the planning board on a site plan recorded at the Hampshire Registry of Deeds that demonstrates such private way as providing frontage. Deeded rights-of-way and any easements must be approved by the planning board and recorded at the Hampshire Registry of Deeds prior to any interior road is deemed as providing frontage.

B. Signs.

(1) Recognizing that signage needs vary, sign size may vary by business or use in the district. The maximum allowed size for an individual sign in an Agricultural Value-Added District is 80 square feet, with the total signage area for an individual building or enterprise being 100 square feet.

(2) Within a Agricultural Value-Added District, intersection directional signs may be erected with arrows indicating the businesses reached via the cross street, with each business sign not exceeding six inches high by 36 inches long, including the arrow.

(3) Except as provided in § 145-88B(1) and (2), signs shall conform with Article VI, § 145-22, Signs, of this chapter.

C. Parking.

(1) Parking areas shared by uses are strongly encouraged. Privately held common parking may be restricted to designated users.

(2) Parking areas should include electric car charging stations, and solar canopies. The canopies are to be designed as shed roofs for maximum solar gain without detracting from the character of the historic agricultural view.

(3) Parking and loading requirements should be appropriate to the use so to be adequate for the use while not excessive.

D. Nuisances. All efforts must be made to prevent anything becoming an annoyance to the occupants of the surrounding area, including but not limited to unsightliness, excess emission of odors, waste, dust, fumes, smoke, noise, vibration, heat, glare, or toxic gases.

E. Traffic and Trip Generation evaluation must be included in each site plan application. Truck access and maneuvering must be shown on any site plan.

F. Energy Efficiency – On-site generation of solar, geothermal, or other non-polluting renewable source is strongly encouraged.

G. Lighting must meet Dark Sky standards and not shine off the user's site. There shall not be any directly visible light sources.

H. Animals must be humanely secured and kept from disturbing the public or neighboring sites.

I. Non-car transportation must be accommodated, e.g. bicycle facilities, pedestrian accessibility, van loading and unloading.

§ 145-89. Amendments; recording of plan.

A. Minor amendments to site plan approval may be granted by the Planning Board upon application and for good cause shown but without necessity of a public hearing; provided, however, that any of the following shall be considered a major amendment and shall be acted upon under the procedures applicable to the initial site plan approval of:

(1) Any change in the amount of shared parking and/or the creation of infrastructure intended to be assumed by the Town;

(2) Any alteration of building size of more than 400 square feet;

(3) Any change in the general layout of the ways as provided in the approved site plan.

B. An approved site plan showing the signatures of a majority of the Belchertown Planning Board must be recorded at the Hampshire Registry of Deeds.

§ 145-90. Severability.

A determination that any specific portion of this Article XV is invalid shall not render any other part thereof invalid, and

- to amend Article II, §145-5, Zoning Map, to create the Agricultural Value-Added District to include parcels identified on a lot division plan by Sherman and Frydryk, dated 1/11/22.
  Lot 9-63A
  Lot 9-63B
  Lot 9-66
  Lot 9-148H
  Lot 9-148I
  Lot 9-148J
  Lot 9-148K
  Lot 9-148L
  (all within the Lampson Brook Farm)
  and
  Current assessors' map
  238-287
  (The town's DPW) and
- to amend Article III, §145-11, Schedule of Use Regulations, to add a column *AV-A* that refers to §145-87 for all uses in the AV-A zone.

(Endorsed by Planning Board 5-0-0)
After much discussion motion made and seconded to refer the article back to the Planning Board
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Article 22 Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, Article VII, Special Use Regulations, §145-28. Commercial Solar Photovoltaic Installations by deleting the existing §145-28 and replacing it with a new §145-28 as follows:

§145-28. Commercial Solar Photovoltaic Installations

A. Purpose. This bylaw is to regulate the development of Commercial Solar Photovoltaic Installations by providing standards for their placement, design, construction, operation, monitoring, modifications, and removal; to protect public health, safety or welfare in accordance with M.G.L. c. 40A, § 3; to protect and preserve farmland, forests, and open space as promoted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; to protect the scenic, natural, and historic resources of Belchertown; and to provide adequate financial assurance for the eventual decommissioning of such installations.

A solar photovoltaic system that is for the exclusive purpose of providing electricity for a property that is primarily in agricultural use as defined under M.G.L. c. 40A, §3, and that produces electricity to be used solely for the benefit of the agricultural property is exempt.

B. Applicability. This bylaw applies to large-scale (minimum 250 kW rated nameplate capacity) solar photovoltaic installations constructed after the effective date of this bylaw. This bylaw also pertains to physical modifications that materially alter the type, configuration, or size of these installations or related equipment. The requirements of this bylaw shall apply to a commercial solar photovoltaic installation regardless of whether it is the primary use of property or an accessory use.

(1) As-of-Right: The following commercial solar photovoltaic installations, as defined herein, are allowed as of right with site plan approval in all zoning districts:
  (a) Any such installation over parking lots;
  (b) Any such installation on existing structures.

(2) Special Permit: Any CSPI not specified in (1) requires a special permit in all zoning districts from the Planning Board. For all special permit applications, site plan approval as described below is required, but shall not require a second public hearing, per §145-27D(3)(a).

(3) Not Permitted: No commercial solar photovoltaic installation may be permitted as follows:

(a) Any CSPI of greater than 15 acres in fenced array area.

(b) Any CSPI requiring forest clearing greater than 5 acres. Land that has been cleared of forest for less than two years is still considered forested in this clause.

(c) Any CSPI on slopes of 8% or greater as averaged over 50 horizontal feet; the Planning Board may consider waiving this up to 12% based on site-specific parameters.

(d) Any CSPI on a parcel with inadequate frontage as defined in §145-2.

(e) Any CSPI fenced area within the 500-year FEMA flood plain.

C. Definitions.

Commercial Solar Photovoltaic Installation (CSPI): Any solar photovoltaic installation with 250 kW or greater rated nameplate capacity, even if it's primary generation is not intended for supplying the grid.

Rated Nameplate Capacity: The maximum rated output of electric power production of the commercial solar photovoltaic installation in Direct Current (DC).

Site Plan Approval Authority: The site plan approval authority as designated by the Zoning Bylaw.

Solar Photovoltaic Array: an arrangement of solar photovoltaic panels.

D. Requirements.

(1) Site Plan Approval. The construction, installation or modification of a CSPI, whether as-of-right or by special permit, shall be subject to site plan approval in accordance with the Zoning Bylaw. Together with the requirements of §145-27, the Site Plan Approval Authority shall consider and apply the requirements set forth in this bylaw in reviewing and deciding an application for site plan approval.

(a) General. All plans and maps shall be prepared, stamped and signed by a Professional Engineer licensed to practice in Massachusetts.

(b) Required Documents. Each site plan revision shall include a tracking list explaining each change of significance made to the previous site plan. The project proponent shall also provide the following documents:

[1] A site plan showing:

i. A manufacturer's warranty of the useful lives of equipment specified for the project.

ii. Name, address, and contact information for proposed system installer;

iii. Name, address, phone number and signature of the project proponent, as well as all co-proponents or property owners, if any;

iv. The name, contact information and signature of any agents representing the project proponent;

v. An existing conditions plan with property lines and physical features, including topography and roads, stone walls and foundations, characteristics of vegetation (mature trees, old growth trees, shrubs, open field, etc.), wetlands, streams, and ledge for the project site.

vi. Off-site features including structures, water bodies, wetlands, riverfront areas, roads, buffers, slopes, aquifers, wellhead protection areas, and utility connections within 1,500 feet.

vii. Proposed changes to the landscape of the site, including grading, vegetation clearing and planting, exterior lighting, screening vegetation or structures, driveways, snow storage, and storm water management systems;

viii. Blueprints or drawings of the solar photovoltaic installation signed by a Professional Engineer licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts showing the proposed layout of the system and any potential shading from nearby structures;

ix. One or three line electrical diagram detailing the solar photovoltaic installation, associated components, and electrical interconnection methods, with all National Electrical Code compliant disconnects and overcurrent devices;

x. Documentation of the major system components to be used, including the PV panels, mounting system, and inverter;

xi. Size and numbers of panels, panel orientations, including active tracking systems, determination of embedded supports or ballasts, battery specifications, including numbers, sizes and cooling requirements, inverter specifications, and utility connection pads.

xii. Baseline temperature and siltation measurements of affected cold water Latitude and longitude coordinates for all array vertices.

[2] A base map of the project site and environs prepared with commonly available geographic information software, such as MassMapper or ArcGIS, with data files included, at a scale of approximately 1:9,000 to include the following:

i. Property Tax Parcels Boundaries (1/2 opacity)

ii. Structures

iii. Roads

iv. All water resources, including wetlands

v. CSPI fenced area to include:

- array (with latitude and longitude of array vertices provided separately in tabular form)
- access roads
- detention and infiltration basins
- fence
- site boundary
- impervious surfaces
- clear-cut areas and timeline of when last cut

vi. Slopes in color relief at a scale of:

- 0%-8%
- 8.1%-12%
- 12.1%-30%
- 30.1%-vertical

vii. Terrain Aspect Map.

- Aspect data layer (available in ArcGIS)

viii. Aquifer Map.

- Town aquifer

ix. Additional maps and data layers specific to the proposed project may be requested by the Planning Board.

[3] Documentation of actual or prospective access and control of the project site;

[4] An operation and maintenance plan;

[5] Proof of liability insurance; and

[6] Description of financial surety that satisfies Section 10(b);
[7] There shall be a fence surrounding the solar array and ancillary equipment.

The Site Plan Approval Authority may waive documentary requirements as it deems appropriate upon the written request of the applicant submitted with an application for approval.

(2) Site Control. The project proponent shall submit documentation of actual or committed prospective access and control of the project site sufficient to allow for construction and operation of the proposed CSPI.

(3) Operation & Maintenance Plan. The project proponent shall submit a plan for the operation and maintenance of the CSPI. This plan shall include measures to maintain safe access to the installation, storm water controls, and general procedures for operational maintenance of the installation. The development is subject to the Belchertown Stormwater bylaw and regulations.

(4) Utility Notification. No CSPI shall be constructed until evidence has been given to the Site Plan Approval Authority that the utility company operating the electrical grid the installation is to be connected to have been informed of the CSPI owner or operator's intent to install an interconnected customer-owned generator. Off-grid systems shall be exempt from this requirement.

(5) Dimension and Density Requirements.

(a) Setbacks

For all CSPI, front, side and rear yard setbacks shall be as follows:

[1] The front setback depth shall be at least 150 feet;
[2] The side setback depth shall be at least 75 feet;
[3] The rear setback depth shall be at least 75 feet;
[4] The setback from any developed residential property shall be at least 500 feet, from CSPI fence line to adjacent property line.

(b) Appurtenant Structures. All appurtenant structures to a CSPI shall be subject to the requirements of the Zoning Bylaw concerning the bulk and height of structures, lot area, setbacks, open space, parking and building coverage requirements. All such appurtenant structures, including but not limited to, equipment shelters, storage facilities, transformers, and substations, shall be architecturally compatible with each other. Whenever reasonable, structures should be shaded from view by vegetation.

E. Design Standards.

(1) General. CSPI storm water controls must comply with all Belchertown storm water regulations and requirements, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection requirements and guidelines, and USEPA requirements.

(2) Construction Method. Applicant must demonstrate that array specifications provided by the manufacturer, including but not limited to support post mounting strategies, are consistent with the site geotechnical analysis. Applicant must provide a proposed method for mounting the array that responds to existing water and soil conditions, with particular attention to high water tables and/or bedrock. The Planning Board may require a contractor's review of the proposed methods.

(3) Lighting. Lighting of CSPI shall be limited to night-time maintenance and inspections by authorized personnel, and shall comply with Dark Sky standards. There shall be no illumination without personnel on the site.

(4) Signage. A sign shall be erected identifying the owner and providing a 24-hour emergency contact phone number of the CSPI owner or operator. CSPIs shall not display any advertising. Any sign must comply with §145-22.

(5) Day-time Visual Distraction. The panel array shall be positioned to minimize glare on any residence or public way, and shall not create a visual obstruction on a public roadway, such as blocking intersections or creating blind curves.
(6) Utility Connections. Reasonable efforts shall be made to place all utility connections from the CSPI underground, depending on appropriate soil conditions, shape, and topography of the site and any requirements of the utility provider. Electrical transformers for utility interconnections may be above ground if required by the utility provider

F. Safety and Environmental Standards.

(1) Emergency Services. The CSPI owner or operator shall provide a copy of the project summary, electrical schematic, and an approved site plan, to the local fire department and the Building Inspector. Upon request the owner or operator shall cooperate with local emergency services in developing an emergency response plan, which may include ensuring that emergency personnel have immediate, 24-hour access to the facility. All means of shutting down the CSPI shall be clearly marked. The owner or operator shall identify a responsible person for public inquiries throughout the life of the installation, and shall provide a mailing address and 24-hour telephone number for such person(s).
(2) Control of Vegetation and Animals, Including Insects. Herbicides, rodenticides, or any other pesticides may not be used to control vegetation or animals at a CSPI. In a dual-use CSPI, the agricultural operator, but not the CSPI operator, is exempt from this restriction.
(3) Project Visibility and Landscape Planting. A CSPI shall be designed to minimize its visibility, including preserving natural vegetation to the maximum extent possible, blending in equipment with the surroundings, adding vegetative buffers to provide an effective visual barrier from adjacent roads and driveways, and to screen abutting dwellings. The owner of the CSPI shall not remove any naturally occurring vegetation such as trees and shrubs unless it adversely affects the performance and operation of the solar installation. A diversity of plant species native to New England shall be used for any screens and vegetative erosion controls. Use of exotic plants, as identified by the most recent version of the "Massachusetts Prohibited Plant List" maintained by the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, is prohibited. If deemed necessary by the Planning Board, the depth of the vegetative screen shall be 30 feet and will be composed of native trees and shrubs staggered for height and density that shall be properly maintained. Cultivars of native plants are acceptable. The open area of the site shall be seeded with a pollinator mix and maintained as bird and insect habitat. Mowing is to be done as little as possible to retain a natural functioning of the landscape. Plants shall be maintained and replaced as necessary by the owner of the CSPI for the life of the CSPI.
(4) Land Clearing, Soil Erosion, and Wildlife Habitat. Clearing of natural vegetation shall be limited to what is necessary for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the CSPI or otherwise prescribed by applicable laws, regulations, and bylaws. A CSPI may not be constructed on slopes exceeding 8% except as expressly authorized pursuant to §145-28B (3) (c), nor may cutting and filling be done to reduce natural slopes. Existing root structures and topsoil shall be maintained to the maximum extent practicable and provide for a minimum of 6" of topsoil on all exposed areas.
(5) Fire Protection. The project must meet the Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code 527 CMR 1.00, with Amendments NFPA 1, 2015, or version of the fire code at the time of the project.

G. Mitigation Measures.

(1) Mitigation for Loss of Carbon Sequestration and Forest Habitat. If forestland is proposed to be converted to a CSPI, the plans shall designate an area of unprotected land (that is, land that could otherwise be developed under current zoning) on the parcel or block of contiguous parcels under common ownership that comprise the project site, and of a size equal to four times the total area of such forest conversion. Such designated land shall remain in substantially its natural condition without alteration except for routine forestry practices until such time as the CSPI is decommissioned and the site restored to forest. The special permit may be conditioned to effect and make enforceable this requirement.

(2) Mitigation for Loss of Forest Habitat within the Installation. If forestland is proposed to be converted to a CSPI, the plans shall show mitigation measures that create a wildflower meadow habitat within and immediately around the CSPI and a successional forest habitat in the surrounding areas managed to prevent shading until the installation is decommissioned and the site restored to forest. The special permit may be conditioned to effect and make enforceable this requirement.

(3) Wildlife Corridors. Wildlife corridors shall be provided for single arrays with an area of 10 acres or more. Local wildlife must be identified, and corridor widths shall correspond to specific area wildlife and must be based on the best available science as supported by citation(s).

H. Monitoring and Maintenance.

(1) Construction Monitoring. The Site Plan Approval Authority may require a third-party inspector, selected by and acting under the direction of the Building Commissioner, to be employed to monitor compliance with all approvals and conditions during the CSPI's construction at the applicant's expense.

(2) Maintenance. The CSPI owner or operator shall maintain the facility in good condition. Maintenance shall include, but not be limited to, painting, structural repairs, and integrity of security measures. Site access shall be maintained to a level acceptable to the local emergency services. The owner or operator shall be responsible for the cost of maintaining the solar photovoltaic installation and all access roads that are not public ways.

(3) Annual Reporting. The owner or operator of a CSPI shall submit an annual report demonstrating and certifying compliance with the Operation and Maintenance Plan, the requirements of this bylaw, and approvals granted hereunder, including but not limited to continued management and maintenance of vegetation, compliance with the approved plans and any permit conditions, continuation of liability insurance, and adequacy of road access. The annual report shall also provide information on the maintenance completed during the course of the year and the amount of electricity generated by the facility. The report shall be submitted to the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Fire Chief, Building Commissioner, Board of Health, and Conservation Commission (if a wetlands permit was issued) no later than 45 days after the end of the calendar year.

(4) Modifications. All material modifications to a CSPI made after issuance of the required building permit shall require approval by the Site Plan Approval Authority.

I. Discontinuance and Removal.

(1) Removal Requirements. Any CSPI, or any substantial part thereof, not used for a period of one continuous year or more without written permission from the Site Plan Approval Authority, or that has reached the end of its useful life, shall be considered discontinued and shall be removed. Upon written request from the Building Inspector, addressed to the contact address provided and maintained by the owner or operator as required above, the owner or operator shall provide

evidence to the Building Inspector demonstrating continued use of the CSPI. Failure to provide such evidence within thirty days of such written request shall be conclusive evidence that the installation has been discontinued. Anyone intending to decommission and/or remove such an installation shall notify the Site Plan Approval Authority and Building Inspector by certified mail of the proposed date of discontinued operations and plans for removal. The owner or operator shall physically remove the installation no more than 150 days after the date of discontinued operations. Removal shall consist of:

(a) Physical removal of all parts of and appurtenances to the CSPI, including structures, equipment, security barriers and transmission lines;
(b) Disposal of all solid and hazardous waste in accordance with local, state, and federal waste disposal regulations;
(c) Stabilization or re-vegetation of the site as necessary to minimize erosion. The Site Plan Approval Authority may allow the owner or operator to leave landscaping or designated below-grade foundations in order to minimize erosion and disruption to vegetation.
(d) Any site that was deforested for the CSPI, per §145-28B (3) (b), shall be restored to encourage native tree growth, including the planting of seedlings, if necessary, to establish growth. The cost of plant replacement shall be incorporated into the financial surety stipulated in §145-28D (10) (b) below.

(2) Decommissioning methods. Decommissioning methods must be explained in detail and in sequential steps. Particular attention should be paid to hazardous materials removal (glass panels with heavy metals) and site restoration, including support post cutting, removal, and sealing, if any, below grade.
(3) Decommissioning budgets. Decommissioning estimates must be provided by a Construction Estimator with experience (1) removing hazardous materials (glass panels with heavy metal elements) and (2) demolition, and/or other remediation of steel infrastructure, including steel posts embedded in concrete grouting below grade (if ballasts are not used). The work must be sufficiently developed to facilitate accurate estimations of the cost of deconstruction and disposal."
(4) If the owner or operator of the CSPI fails to remove the installation in accordance with the requirements of this section, the town shall have the right, to the extent it is otherwise duly authorized by law, to enter the property and physically remove the installation at the expense of the owner of the installation and the owner(s) of the site on which the facility is located. The Town may use the financial surety as stipulated in §145-28D (10) (b), below for this purpose.
(5) Financial Surety. Proponents seeking to construct and operate a CSPI shall provide to the Town, in a form determined by the Site Plan Approval Authority and prior to construction, a surety, through cash, an escrow account, bond or otherwise, to cover the cost of removal in the event the town must remove the CSPI and remediate the landscape, including reforestation, this financial surety shall incorporate an additional 10% Contingency Fee. The amount and form of such surety shall be determined by the Site Plan Approval Authority. This surety will not be required for municipally- or state-owned facilities. The project proponent shall submit a fully inclusive estimate of the costs associated with removal, prepared by a qualified engineer. The amount shall include a mechanism for calculating increased removal costs due to inflation.

J. Severability. A determination that any specific portion of this Section 145-28 is invalid shall not render any other part thereof invalid.

(Endorsed by Planning Board 5-0-0)
(Vote – 2/3rd Required – 2/3rd Yes)

Article 23 Voted to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues the sum of $2,500.00 for the administrative expenses of the Committee in FY 2023; and that the Town reserve for future appropriation from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, with each item to be considered a separate reserve:

- $36,803.00 from FY 2023 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Open Space
- $36,803.00 from FY 2023 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Historic Resources
- $36,803.00 from FY 2023 Community Preservation Fund revenues for Community Housing

And, further, appropriate and transfer $55,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance to pay the debt service on the bonds issued under Article 23 of the May 9, 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

(Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 7-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 24 Voted to appropriate and transfer $9,975.00 from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Fund for the grave stone preservation and restoration project at the historic Mt. Hope Cemetery, and Hillcrest Cemetery, with said funds to be expended under the direction of the Veterans Graves Officer.

(Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 7-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 25 Voted to appropriate and transfer $80,000.00 from the Community Preservation Act Fund balance to create two outdoor pickle ball courts at the Chestnut Hill Community School, with said funds to be expended under the direction of the Recreation Department.

(Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 7-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 26 Voted to appropriate and transfer $20,000 from the Community Preservation Fund for the purpose of rehabilitating the historic building owned by the Hope United Methodist Church and located at 29 Main Street, within the Belchertown Historic District, by replacing approximately 31 windows with historically accurate windows approved by the Belchertown Historical Commission, pursuant to a grant agreement with said Church, and to authorize the Select Board, in consultation with the Historical Commission and the Community Preservation Committee, to enter into said grant agreement, which agreement shall require a historic preservation restriction to be imposed on the property and set forth the other terms and conditions under which said funds may be expended, and, further, to authorize the Historical Commission to acquire said restriction.

Moderator asked for any objections to correct a scrivener's error "Methodists" to "Methodist". No objections heard, correction made.

(Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 7-0-0)
(Vote – Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Article 27 Voted to authorize the Select Board to acquire, by purchase, gift and/or eminent domain, for conservation, forestry, and passive recreation purposes, the parcels of land located off Gulf Road and South Gulf Road, consisting of a total of 30.045 acres, more or less, shown

on Assessors Maps 206 as Lot # 19 and Lot # 19.13, and being a portion of the premises described in deeds recorded with the Hampshire Registry of Deeds in Book 12763, Page 41 and Book 11917, Page 269, which parcels shall be under the care, custody and control of the Conservation Commission pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 40, §8C and other statutes related to conservation; and to appropriate $250,000.00 to fund said acquisition and $413,525 to fund costs incidental or related thereto, including, without limitation, the cost of appraisals, surveys, grant applications, stewardship fees, and the design and removal of the dam and culverts, for a total appropriation of $663,525; and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow said funds under the provisions of G.L. c.44B, G.L. c.44 and/or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, provided that no such funds shall be expended until the Town shall have received gifts and/or grants in the minimum amount of $480,025.00, as set forth below; and, further, to authorize the Select Board and/or the Conservation Commission to apply for, accept and expend any funds that may be provided by the Commonwealth or other public or private sources to defray all or a portion of the costs of said acquisition, including, but not limited to, grants and/or reimbursement under the Municipal Vulnerability Program, and/or any other federal and state programs, including those in aid of conservation land acquisition, which grants or gifts so received will reduce the funds borrowed hereunder, and, further, to grant a restriction on said property meeting the requirements of G.L. c. 184, §§31-33 in compliance with G.L. c.44B, §12(a), and to enter into any and all agreements and execute any and all instruments on behalf of the Town as may be necessary or convenient to effectuate the foregoing acquisition, and to appropriate $663,525 to fund said acquisition and costs incidental or related thereto, of which $43,225.00 shall be transferred from the Community Preservation Fund Open Space Reserve, $121,775.00 shall be transferred from the Community Preservation Fund Balance, and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow the remaining funds under the provisions of M.G.L. c.44B, M.G.L., cc.44 and/or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, provided that no such funds shall be expended until the Town shall have received gifts and/or grants in the minimum amount of $498,525.00

(Endorsed by Community Preservation Committee 7-0-0)
(Vote – 2/3rd Required – 2/3rd Yes)

Article 28 Voted to authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court to clarify and update the recall process in the Town of Belchertown, currently authorized by Chapter 126 of the *Acts of 1977, An Act Providing for Recall Elections in the Town of Belchertown, by submission of a home rule petition incorporating the proposed revisions shown below for ease of review with strikethrough for ~~deletions~~ and underlining for insertions; provided, however, that the General Court shall be authorized to make changes of form only to such bill without prior approval of the Select Board, and to authorize the Select Board to approve such changes requested by the General Court as are consistent with the public purposes of this petition; or take any other action relative thereto.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR RECALL IN THE TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN.

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, ~~A~~any holder of an elective office in the town of Belchertown may be recalled therefrom by the qualified voters of the town as provided in this act.

SECTION 2. Any **15** qualified voters of the town may make and file with the town clerk an affidavit **signed under the penalty of perjury** containing the name of the elected official sought to be recalled and a statement of grounds for removal; **for purposes of this act, grounds for recall include, but shall not be limited to, failure or the appearance of failure to properly attend to duties the official was elected to administer or to recuse**

themselves from a matter in which they have a conflict under the provisions of chapter 268A of the General Laws, as well as any apparent or actual violation of law, regulations, by-law or other state or local law or regulations applicable to the elected officer. Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, however, the question of whether grounds stated in the affidavit are sufficient for recall shall be left solely to the judgment of the voters of the town according to the process set forth herein. The affidavit shall identify a lead petitioner for purposes of the recall process.

SECTION 3. Following receipt of a recall affidavit meeting the requirements of this act, ~~T~~the town clerk shall thereupon **notify the lead petitioner that** ~~deliver to the voter making such affidavit~~ a sufficient number of copies of **recall** petition blanks ~~for recall~~ **are available.** Said blanks shall be issued by the town clerk with ~~his~~ **their** signature and official seal attached thereto and shall be dated and addressed to the select **board** ~~men~~. Said blanks shall contain the names of the **first 15 signers of the affidavit** ~~person to whom issued~~, the number of blank copies so issued, the name of the elected official sought to be removed, the office from which removal is sought, the grounds of removal as stated in said affidavit, and shall demand the election of a successor to said office. A copy of the **recall** petition shall be entered in a record book to be kept in the office of town clerk. Said recall petition shall be returned and filed with the town clerk within 21 days after the **lead petitioner is notified that the recall petition is available** ~~filing of the affidavit~~. Said petition before being returned and filed shall be signed by qualified voters of the town, equal in number to at least ~~25~~ **66%** per cent of the average total vote in the three most recent annual town elections, but not less than ~~500~~ **750** qualified voters of the town. To every signature shall be added the place of residence of the signer, giving the street and number. Said recall petition shall be submitted at or before five o'clock in the afternoon of the Monday preceding the day on which it must be filed, to the registrars of voters in said town, and the registrars shall forthwith certify thereon the number of signatures which are names of voters in said town.

SECTION ~~43~~. If the petition shall be found and certified by the town clerk to be sufficient, **the town clerk** shall submit the same with ~~his~~ **a** certificate to the select **board** ~~men~~ within three business days, and the select **board** ~~men~~ shall forthwith give written notice to said elected officer of the receipt of said certificate and shall, if the said officer sought to be removed does not resign within five days thereafter, thereupon order a removal election to be held on a day fixed by them not less than 65 nor more than 90 days after the date of the town clerk's certificate that a sufficient petition is filed, **and no earlier than 64 days from the date the election is called**; provided, however, that if any other town election is to occur within 85 days after the date of said certificate, the select **board** ~~men~~ may, at ~~their~~ **its** discretion, postpone the holding of the removal election to the date of such other election. If a vacancy occurs in said office after a removal election has been so ordered, the election shall nevertheless proceed as provided in this section.

SECTION ~~54~~. Any elected officer who has been removed by a vote at the removal election may be a candidate to succeed himself in an election to be held to fill such vacancy. The nomination of all candidates, the publication of the warrant for the removal election and any election to fill a vacancy caused by a removal election, and the conduct of the same, shall all be in accordance with the provisions of law relating to elections, unless otherwise provided by this act. A majority of those voting at the removal election shall be sufficient to recall such elected officer.

SECTION ~~65~~. The incumbent shall continue to perform the duties of ~~his~~ **their** office until the removal election. If said incumbent is not removed, they shall continue in office for the remainder of ~~his~~ **their** unexpired term, subject to recall as before. If not re-elected in the recall election, **t**he**y** shall be deemed removed upon election of ~~his~~ **their** successor, who shall hold office for the **remainder of the** unexpired term. **However, i**f the successor fails to qualify

within five days after receiving notification of election, **as a matter of law,** the incumbent shall be deemed removed and the office **deemed** vacant.

SECTION 7. Ballots used in the recall election in said town shall submit the following propositions in the ~~following~~ order indicated:

For the recall of (name **and title** of **town** officer)

Against the recall of (name **and title** of **town** officer)

Immediately at the right of each proposition there shall be **appropriate provision for** ~~square in which~~ the voter ~~by marking a~~ **to** make a mark ~~may~~ **to cast a** vote for either of such propositions. Under the proposition shall appear the word candidates and the direction "Vote for One" and beneath this the names of candidates nominated as hereinbefore provided, ~~In the case of machine voting, or punch card balloting, or other forms of balloting,~~ **with** appropriate provision ~~shall be made to allow~~ **for the voter to mark a vote for their** ~~the same intent~~ **candidate of choice** ~~of the voter~~. If a majority of the votes cast on the recall question is in the affirmative, then the candidate receiving the highest number of votes in the special election to fill the vacancy shall be elected. If a majority of the votes cast on the recall question is in the negative, the ballots for candidates to fill the potential vacancy need not be counted. ~~or take any action relative thereto.~~

SECTION ~~8~~7. The recall election shall not be valid unless at least 66% of the average number of voters participating in the last three town election, but not less than 750 voters, participate in the election.

SECTION 9. No recall petition shall be filed against an elected officer of said town within six months after **they** takes office, ~~nor~~ in the case of an elected officer subjected to a recall election and not removed thereby, until at least six months after such recall election, **or in the last six months of their elected term.**

SECTION 10. No person who has been recalled from an elected office in said town, or has resigned from office **following the filing with the town clerk of the recall petition provided for in section 3**, shall be appointed to any town office within two years after such removal by recall or resignation.

SECTION 11. Chapter 126 of the acts of 1997, entitled, "An Act Providing for Recall Elections in the Town of Belchertown" is hereby repealed in its entirety.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Clerk's note – the reference to the Acts of 1977 is a scrivener's error. The correct reference should be to the Acts of 1997.

After much discussion motion made and seconded to call the question.

(Vote 2/3rd Required – 2/3rd Yes)

Vote on Article -(Majority Required – Majority Yes)

Meeting adjourned 9:46pm

Attest:
Theresa A. Camerlin
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD MAY 9, 2022

FY 23

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	BORROWING	FREE CASH	FROM STABILIZATION	FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS
1-3	None						
4	Assessors-Legal Counsel in resolving court tax cases	$100.00	$100.00				
5	Reserve Fund for Finance Committee use	$30,000.00	$30,000.00				
6	None						
7	Cemetery Lot Development Account	$5,000.00					5,000.00 from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account to Cemetery Lot Development Account
8	None						
9	**Itemized Budget**						
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT (Total)	$2,315,850.00					
	1. Select Board - Salary		$12,600.00				
	Expenses		$4,990.00				
	2. Town Administrator, Salary		$149,047.00				
	Wages		$134,300.00				
	Expenses		$9,749.00				
	3. Town Accountant, Salary		$99,023.00				
	Wages		$134,770.00				
	Expenses		$37,250.00				
	4. Town Clerk, Salary		$90,451.00				
	Wages		$68,160.00				
	Expenses		$10,877.00				
	5. Treasurer/Tax Collector, Salary		$99,023.00				
	Wages		$142,550.00				
	Expenses		$63,205.00				
	6. M.I.S. Department, Salary		$103,974.00				
	Wages		$106,705.00				
	Expenses		$243,248.00				
	7. Board of Assessors (Elected)		$3,200.00				
	Salary		$99,023.00				
	Wages		$249,570.00				
	Expenses		$22,900.00				
	8. Law Account, Fees		$58,800.00				
	9. Finance Committee, Expenses		$250.00				
	10. Election & Registration, Salary		$550.00				
	Wages		$25,000.00				
	Expenses		$19,550.00				
	11. Planning Board, Salary		$100,735.00				
	Wages		$15,030.00				
	Expenses		$3,180.00				
	12. Board of Appeals, Wages		$2,300.00				
	Expenses		$450.00				
	13. Economic Development I.C., Expenses		$375.00				
	14. Chapter 137 Military Leave Pay, Expenses		$100.00				
	15. Cable Access TV Oper., Expenses		$1,500.00				
	16. Agricultural Commission, Expenses		$500.00				
	17. Conservation Commission, Salary		$88,678.00				
	Wages		$8,317.00				
	Expenses		$6,500.00				
	18. Lakes Committee, Expenses		$14,000.00				
	19. Human Resources Director, Salary		$82,270.00				
	Expenses		$3,150.00				
	PUBLIC SAFETY	$5,096,057.00					
	20. Police Department, Salary		$0.00				$340,966.00 from Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriate Account
	Wages		$1,163,402.00				$672,034.00 from Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriate Account
	Expenses		$390,176.00				
	21. Fire Department, Salary		$122,793.00				
	Wages		$1,672,900.00				
	Expenses		$391,400.00				
	22. Injured on Duty, Expenses		$8,000.00				
	23. Hydrant Service, Expenses		$28,156.00				
	24. Animal Control Officer, Salary		$63,820.00				
	Wages		$28,850.00				
	Expenses		$15,750.00				
	25. Inspection Services, Salary		$96,576.00				

	Wages		$82,780.00				
	Expenses		$14,494.00				
	26. Civil Defense, Wages		$350.00				
	Expenses		$1,610.00				
	PUBLIC SCHOOLS						
	27. Town School Department	$31,134,612.00					
	Foundation Spending		$31,134,612.00				
	Transport. & Fixed Assets						
	REGIONAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT						
	28. Pathfinder Reg. Voc. Tech High School District	$1,356,918.00					
	Net Budget		$1,356,918.00				
	DPW – Highways	$2,059,978.00					
	29. Highways/Personnel						
	Salary		$124,768.00				
	Wages		$887,475.00				
	Uniforms		$15,850.00				
	Expenses		$2,000.00				
	30. Highway Admin., Expenses		$19,070.00				
	31. Snow & Ice Control, Expenses		$242,000.00				
	32. DPW-Road Machinery, Expenses		$215,800.00				
	33. Hired Services, Expenses		$240,500.00				
	34. Street Lighting, Expenses		$40,000.00				
	35. Streets/Construction, Expenses		$189,500.00				
	36. Professional Engineering, Expenses		$36,500.00				
	37. Town Garage, Expenses		$40,515.00				
	SANITATION & ENVIRONMENTAL						
	38. Transfer Station (Total)	$424,090.00					
	Wages						$110,980.00 from Landfill Receipts
	Expenses						$225,890.00 from Landfill Receipts, $87,220.00 from Landfill Enterprise free cash
	Sewer Enterprise Fund (Total)	$1,741,254.00					
	39. Wages						$96,178.00 from Sewer Enterprise free cash and $299,402.00 from Sewer receipts
	Expenses						$929,978.00 from Sewer receipts
	Maturing Debt						$396,182.00 from Sewer receipts
	Maturing Debt Interest						$19,514.00 from Sewer receipts
	40. Stormwater Utility Fund (Total)	$337,390.00					
	Wages						$112,340.00 from Stormwater Utility Enterprise receipts
	Expenses						$175,050.00 from Stormwater Utility Enterprise receipts and $50,000.00 from Stormwater Enterprise free cash
	HUMAN SERVICES (Total)	$961,518.00					
	41. Board of Health, Salary		$2,825.00				
	Wages		$5,500.00				
	Expenses		$9,156.00				
	42. Council on Aging, Salary		$90,613.00				
	Wages		$453,740.00				
	Expenses		$38,440.00				
	43. Veterans Services Agent, Salary		$85,739.00				
	Wages		$0.00				
	Expenses		$2,180.00				
	Veterans' Benefits		$241,000.00				
	44. Veterans' Graves - Expenses		$2,625.00				
	45. DPW - Cemetery Department, Expenses		$29,600.00				
	46. Mobile Home/Rent Control Board, Expenses		$100.00				
	CULTURE AND RECREATION	$943,289.00					
	47. Clapp Memorial Library, Salary		$91,282.00				
	Wages		$328,672.00				
	Expenses		$144,474.00				
	48. Parks and Recreation, Salary		$92,646.00				
	Wages		$241,250.00				
	Expenses		$11,145.00				
	49. Parks & Recreation Pool, Expenses		$31,350.00				
	50. Parks & Recreation Beach, Expenses		$2,470.00				
	51. Family Center, Expenses		$0.00				
	DPW – BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS (Total)	$914,530.00					
	52. DPW-Maintenance/Grounds, Wages		$455,350.00				
	Expenses		$102,115.00				
	53. DPW-Lawrence Memorial Hall, Expenses		$65,260.00				
	54. DPW-Town Common, Expenses		$5,970.00				
	55. DPW-Town Clock, Wages		$600.00				
	56. DPW-Finnerty House		$9,560.00				
	57. DPW-Old Town Hall, Expenses		$9,955.00				
	58. DPW-Senior Center Bldg., Expenses		$57,230.00				
	59. DPW-Recreation Bldg., Expenses		$33,360.00				

	60. DPW-Police Station, Expenses		$49,535.00				
	61. DPW-EMS Bldg., Expenses		$10,625.00				
	62. DPW-Freedom Center, Expenses		$20,970.00				
	63. DPW-Fire Station, Expenses		$43,980.00				
	64. DPW-Franklin School Bldg, Expenses		$10,410.00				
	65. DPW-Tagell/MEMA Space, Expenses		$28,220.00				
	66. Animal Control Building		$11,390.00				
	PENSIONS AND INSURANCE	**$6,022,330.00**					
	67. General Insurance, Expenses		$42,362.00		$475,488.00		
	68. Unemployment Insurance, Expenses		$20,000.00				
	69. Workers Compensation Insurance, Expenses		$8,000.00				
	70. Health Insurance, Expenses		$1,238,000.00				
	71. Group Life Insurance, Expenses		$4,000.00				
	72. FICA-Medicare-Town Share, Expenses		$136,000.00				
	73. Pensions, Expenses		$4,100,480.00				
	UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS	**$67,398.00**					
	74. Historical Commission, Expenses		$500.00				
	75. Historic District, Expenses		$348.00				
	76. Patriotic Exercises, Expenses		$300.00				
	77. Printing Annual Reports, Expenses		$2,000.00				
	78. Unclassified Accts, Expenses		$64,250.00				
	INTEREST & MATURING DEBT	**$960,477.00**					
	79. Interest, Expenses		$255,477.00				
	80. Maturing Debt, Expenses		$705,000.00				
10	Stabilization Fund	**$175,000.00**			$175,000.00		
11	None						
12	Payment for OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits)	**$47,000.00**			$47,000.00		
13	**BELCHERTOWN COMMUNITY CHANNEL**	**$68,000.00**					
	81. Operations						$68,000.00 from Peg Access & Cable Related Fund
14-15	None						
16	**BELCHERTOWN CULTURAL COUNCIL**						
	82. Expense	**$4,500.00**	$4,500.00				
17-22	None						
23	Community Preservation Fund - Admin Exp.	**$2,500.00**					$2,500.00 from FY22 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues
	Community Preservation Fund - Open Space	**$36,803.00**					$36,803.00 from FY22 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues for Open Space
	Community Preservation Fund – Historic Resources	**$36,803.00**					$36,803.00 from FY22 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues for Historic Resources
	Community Preservation Fund – Community Housing	**$36,803.00**					$36,803.00 from FY22 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues for Community Housing
	Pay CPA debt service on bonds voted under Art. 23 @ May 9, 2016 Annual Town Mtg	**$55,000.00**					$55,000.00 from Community Preservation Fund Balance
24	Gravestone preservation and restoration project at Mt. Hope, and Hillcrest Cemetery	**$9,975.00**					$9,975.00 from Community Preservation Historic Preservation Fund
25	Creation of two Pickle Ball courts at the Chestnut Hill Community School	**$80,000.00**					$80,000.00 from the Community Preservation Act Fund Balance
26	Replacement of approx. 31 windows at 29 Main St. Hope United Methodist Church	$20,000.00					$20,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance
27	Purchase of land off Gulf Rd and S. Gulf Rd. totaling 30.034 acres more or less, shown on Assessors Maps 206 as Lot #19 and Lot #19.13	**$663,525.00**		$663,525.00			
28	None						
TOTAL		$55,606,700.00	$50,379,069.00	**$663,525.00**	**$697,488.00**	**$0.00**	**$3,866,618.00**
	Attest:						
	Theresa A. Camerlin						
	Town Clerk						